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HON. JOHN S. MARTIN

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PROCEEDINGS

SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

HELD IN THE CITY

of

LONDON

July 18th and 19th, A. D., 1928, A. L. 5928

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GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA

In the Province of Ontario

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held at the City of North Bay on Tuesday, May 29th, A.D. 1928, A.L. 5928.

There were present:—

M.W. Bro. Hon. John S. Martin.....Grand Master
W. Bro. A. Freeman.....as Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. A. C. Rorabeck.....as Grand Senior Warden
W. Bro. N. J. McCubbin.....as Grand Junior Warden
Bro. H. A. Sims.....as Grand Chaplain
R.W. Bro. J. A. Smith.....as Grand Treasurer
V.W. Bro. W. J. Attig.....as Grand Secretary
Bro. L. S. Clarke.....as Grand Senior Deacon
W. Bro. Geo. Slevins.....as Grand Junior Deacon
W. Bro. W. Anderson.....as Grand Director of Ceremonies
W. Bro. T. M. Sale.....as Grand Supt. of Works
Bro. E. J. Young.....as Grand Pursuivant

as Grand Stewards

V.W. Bro. J. B. Willis — V.W. Bro. B. F. Nott

Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at three o'clock p.m. by the M.W. the Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the corner stone of the North Bay Masonic Temple.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers having received the necessary directions, Grand Lodge was called off, when a procession was formed under the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies and marched to the site in the prescribed order, taking up their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

The acting Grand Chaplain then invoked a blessing and the acting Grand Superintendent of

Works read the following scroll and deposited it in the cavity of the stone.

IN THE NAME AND BY THE FAVOR OF THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE

On the Twenty-ninth day of May, A.D. 1928, A.L. 5928, in the Nineteenth year of the reign of our Most Gracious Sovereign

GEORGE V.

by the grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the Dominions beyond the seas, KING, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

His Excellency, Viscount Willingdon, G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E., G.B.E., being Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. William Lyon MacKenzie King, C.M.G., being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

His Honour, William D. Ross, Esquire, being Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Hon. G. H. Ferguson, being Premier of the Province of Ontario.

E. L. Banner, Esq., being Mayor of the City of North Bay.

M.W. Bro. Hon. John S. Martin, being Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A.F. and A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel being Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

R.W. Bro. George B. Alford being D.D.G.M. of the Nipissing Masonic District.

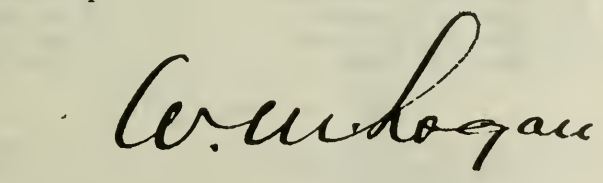
THIS CORNER STONE

of the Masonic Temple at North Bay was laid by M.W. Bro the Hon. John S. Martin, Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Lodge officers, in the presence of a large concourse of brethren and citizens of the City of North Bay and the surrounding district.

The acting Grand Treasurer deposited the phial containing coins, newspapers and other records in the cavity of the stone.

The acting Grand Wardens and the acting Deputy Grand Master applied the instruments of their offices to the stone, after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty. The M.W. the Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proven, true and trusty.

The procession was re-formed and the brethren returned to the lodge room, where Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form.



Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA

In the Province of Ontario

PROCEEDINGS

At the Seventy-Third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held at the City of London, commencing Wednesday, July 18th, A.D. 1928, A.L. 5928.

There were present:

THE GRAND MASTER

M.W. Bro. Hon. John S. Martin, on the Throne

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel

R.W. Bro. George Fairley.....Grand Senior Warden
R.W. Bro. Samuel Kirk.....Grand Junior Warden
R.W. Bro. Rev. P. N. Knight.....Grand Chaplain
M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone.....Grand Treasurer
R.W. Bro. Wm. M. Logan.....Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. H. W. Temple.....Grand Registrar

PAST GRAND MASTERS

M.W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope.....Hamilton
M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland.....Toronto

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

R.W. Bro. A. B. Evans.....Fort William
R.W. Bro. J. L. Mitchener.....Cayuga
R.W. Bro. Chas. T. Boss.....Walkerton
R.W. Bro. J. R. Macpherson.....Duart
R.W. Bro. J. C. Macfarlane.....Cornwall
R.W. Bro. H. J. Milne.....Kingston
R.W. Bro. Thos. Robinson.....Cookstown
R.W. Bro. Wm. J. Price.....Orangeville
R.W. Bro. R. W. Small.....Hamilton
R.W. Bro. F. W. Davidson.....Hamilton
R.W. Bro. R. R. Lee.....London
R.W. Bro. Thos. Greavett.....Gravenhurst
R.W. Bro. John C. Fralick.....Welland
R.W. G. B. Alford.....North Bay

R.W. Bro. B. L. H. Bamford.....Listowel
R.W. Bro. G. Goodfellow.....Whitby
R.W. Bro. Arthur Collins.....Cobden
R.W. Bro. W. R. Morris.....Peterborough
R.W. Bro. O. L. Morrow.....Brighton
R.W. Bro. Wm. E. McKelvey.....Sarnia
R.W. Bro. A. J. Mackay.....Goderich
R.W. Bro. Jas. H. Kidd.....Burritt's Rapids
R.W. Bro. Geo. J. Stevenson.....Appin
R.W. Bro. Wm. E. McCready.....Haileybury
R.W. Bro. Wm. J. Moore.....Toronto
R.W. Bro. Rev. A. M. McLellan.....Claremont
R.W. Bro. Chas. S. Hamilton.....Toronto
R.W. Bro. W. J. Dunlop.....Toronto
R.W. Bro. C. R. Hart.....Omemee
R.W. Bro. T. C. Wardley.....Elora
R.W. Bro. J. E. Biddle.....Port Rowan
R.W. Bro. Geo. H. Arnott.....Windsor

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R.W. Bro. H. A. Mackay.....Scotland
R.W. Bro. A. J. Young.....Alberta
R.W. Bro. Thos. Forsyth.....Nova Scotia
R.W. Bro. Thomas Rowe.....Prince Edward Island
R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel.....Quebec
R.W. Bro. John Boyd.....New Zealand
R.W. Bro. J. McC. Potts.....Queensland
R.W. Bro. A. F. Webster.....Tasmania
R.W. Bro. John Stevenson.....Western Australia
R.W. Bro. F. K. Ebbitt.....California
R.W. Bro. A. H. Dalziel.....Colorado
R.W. Bro. Geo. H. Smith.....Connecticut
R.W. Bro. R. F. Richardson.....Idaho
M.W. Bro. Hon. John S. Martin.....Indiabna
R.W. Bro. J. B. Way.....Maine
M.W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope.....Maryland
R.W. Bro. W. N. Gatfield.....Michigan
R.W. Bro. C. W. Haentschel.....Minnesota
R.W. Bro. J. Birnie Smith.....Montana
R.W. Bro. Henry T. Smith.....Nebraska
R.W. Bro. W. R. Ledger.....Nevada
R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan.....New York
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R.W. Bro. Geo. Moore.....Ohio
R.W. Bro. J. F. Reid.....Rhode Island
M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland.....South Dakota
R.W. Bro. A. J. Anderson.....Tennessee
R.W. Bro. F. A. Copus.....Washington
R.W. Bro. Jos. Fowler.....West Virginia
V.W. Bro. G. M. Malone.....Wisconsin
R.W. Bro. J. M. Malcolm.....Chili
R.W. Bro. C. M. Forbes.....Ffance (Nationale)
R.W. Bro. A. E. Cooper.....Puerto Rica

The Grand Master and other officers of Grand Lodge assumed their respective places in the auditorium of the Masonic Temple, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

R.W. Bro. J. Birnie Smith, accompanied by the Grand Director of Ceremonies formally introduced Alderman Paul Doig and Bro. Samuel Baker, City Clerk, who presented the Civic address of welcome.

"As the representatives of the Council of the City of London, we have great pleasure in extending a most cordial and hearty welcome to the Most Worshipful, the Hon. J. S. Martin, grand master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and to the members of the Grand Lodge of Canada now in session in the City of London.

"The Grand Lodge of Canada stands first among fraternal societies. With a long record of Grand Lodges, without a blot on its escutcheon, there are sessions of the Grand Lodge that have been marked by achievements not only for the advancement of the interest of the Masonic Order, but the formation of better ideals in the social life and the good government of Canada."

Ald. Doig gave a brief outline of the history of London, pointing out how the city had grown from its first settlement in 1826, till it stood to-day with a population of 68,000, and having an assessment of $77,824,099; 468 factories, 11,300 employees, with $2,300,456 annual payrooll; and $48,888,180 annual production.

Sketching the progress of Masonry in the city, Ald. Doig stated that the London of Canada West, in conjunction with Westminster Township, had a Masonic lodge from 1822 to 1848—Mount Moriah, No. 20, P.R. and 773 R.R. A grand lodge, with Most Worshipful Brother Charles Duncombe, of Westminster Township, held its session in the city on

February 23, 1836, in the lodgeroom of the Masonic House Hotel. This, he declared, was at a time when Masonic affairs were somewhat chaotic and this grand lodge was not permanent He pointed out that Londoners had played no mean part in the development of the craft in Ontario, it having been the meeting place of the grand lodge several times, having met in the city in 1881, 1900, 1909 and in 1916.

In concluding Ald. Doig paid trbute to the community value of Masonry, stating that the deliberations of the Grand Lodge of the Masonic Order benefit Canada and add to its national life, its sense of the responsibilities of citizenship and its appreciation of the tradition, literature and national spirit of the empire, as surely as the production of its industries, the issue of bills by banks, and books and papers falling from the press.

Following the presentation of the civic welcome by Ald. Doig, City Clerk Baker addressed the grand master, reminding him that on the occasion of his last visit to the city he was presented by the city clerk with the freedom of the city. On this occasion Mr. Baker declared he had a further pleasant duty to perform in that of presenting to the most worshipful brother a membership in the bar of the City Council of London.

The grand master thanked the civic representatives for their welcome, and spoke of previous visits to the city and the great welcome aways accorded to visitors He asserted that Masonic bodies had met in London before and the brethren were still impressed with the warmth of the welcome extended to them. He was sure, he stated, that the delegates to this communication, on leaving the city, would go knowing that they were leaving behind some warm friends, and that in years to come the recollections would never fade from memory.

At this juncture an interesting event took place with the presentation to the grand master by R. W. Bro. W. M. Logan, grand secretary, of a gavel made

from the wood of the famous old Simcoe tree at Woodhouse, near the grave of the first grand master, William Mercer Wilson, and donated by the brethren of the Wilson district, Norfolk County.

FIRST DAY

A constitutional number of lodges being represented by their accredited representatives, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at ten o'clock, a.m. and the Grand Chaplain invoked the blessing of T.G.A.O.T.U. upon its deliberations.

The Grand Master proclaimed that any Master Masons in good standing might enter and occupy seats in the gallery.

Following are the names of those delegates who were present and duly registered:

No. 3, Ancient St. John's, Kingston. W. Bros. Thos. A. Kidd, W.M., W. H. Gimblet, P.M.

No. 5, Sussex, Brockville. W. Bro. R. H. Sheridan, W.M.

No. 6, Barton, Hamilton. R.W. Bros. Geo. Moore, P.M. and Proxy. R. Porterfield, V.W.Bro. W. H. Davis, W. Bros. H. A. Mackay, J. A. Hamilton, P.Ms.

No. 7, Union, Grimsby. W. Bro. C. W. Lewis, W.M. Bro. H. A. Ponton, S.W. W. Bros. C. H. Walker, W. F. Randall, L. J. Farrell, C. D. Farrell, G. B. McConachie, P.Ms.

No. 9, Union, Napanee. W. Bro. W. S. Wilson, W.M., R.W. Bro. W. S. Herrington, P.M.

No. 11, Moira, Belleville. W. Bro. Wm. McInstoh, W. M. W. Bro. H. J. Hall, P.M.

No. 15, St. George's, St. Catharines. W. Bro. S. S. Kearns, P.M. and Proxy.

No. 16, St. Andrew's, Toronto. W. Bro. S. V. L. Willmott, W.M. R.W. Bros. J. H. Dunlop, J. S. A. Whealy, V.W. Bro. John Pearson, W. Bros. G. C. Kirby, C. J. Steene, W. R. Scott, P.Ms.

No. 17, St. John's Cobourg. W. Bro. J. G. McNab, W.M.

No. 18, Prince Edward, Picton. W. Bro. C. Cooper, W.M.

No. 20, St. John's, London. W. Bro. H. R. Hooper, W.M. Bro. P. G. Edwards, J.W. R.W. Bros. Thos. Rowe, O. Ellwood, W. Bros. W. J. G. Stewart, D. McArthur, R. Booth, F. B. Gidley, P. L. Doig, B. B. Hookaway, Chas. Gilbert, H. Kipps, Thos. Gerry, Ed. Gerry, P.Ms.

No. 22, King Solomon's, Toronto. W. Bro. Geo. Griffiths, W.M. R.W. Bro. John Tanner, P.M.

No. 23, Richmond. Richmond Hill. W. Bro. A. A. Eden, W.M. W. Bros. J. R. Herrington, W. A. Wright, A. L. Phipps, H. H. Laing, A. E. Lehman, P.Ms.

No. 24, St. Francis, Smith's Falls. W. Bro. O. P. Lloyd, W.M.

No. 25, Ionic, Toronto. R.W. Bro. J. D. Spence, P.M. and Proxy. M.W. Bro. J. A. Rowland, W. Bro. J. R. Roaf, P.Ms.

No. 26, Ontario, Port Hope. W. Bro. S. M. Haskill, P.M. and Proxy. R.W. Bro. F. H. Brown, V.W. Bro. F. H. Batty, P.Ms.

No. 27, Strict Observance, Hamilton. R.W. Bro. G. R. Lloyd, W. Bros. Rev. G. W. Tebbs, J. A. Yorick, P.Ms.

No. 28, Mount Zion, Kemptville. W. Bro. S. L. Kidd, W.M.

No. 29, United, Brighton. W. Bro. H. R. Robins, W.M. R.W. Bro. O. L. Morrow, P.M.

No. 30, Composite, Whitby. W. Bro. S. J. Spall, W.M. R.W. Bros. G. M. Goodfellow, A. T. Lawler, A. M. Ross, W. Bros. W. M. Jermyn, W. F. Harder, P.Ms.

No. 31, Jerusalem, Bowmanville. W. Bro. E. H. Brown, W.M. Bro. M. Comstock, S.W. R.W. Bro. G. C. Bonnycastle, Thos. Annison, R. J. Gill, F. C. Hoar, W. J. Bragg, John Lyle, T. H. Spry, A. L. Nichols, Jos. Pattinson, P.Ms.

No. 33, Maitland, Goderich. R.W. Bro. A. J. Mackay, P.M. and Proxy. Bro. C. M. Robertson, J.W. W. Bro. G. D. Croft, P.M.

No. 34, Thistle, Amherstburg. W. Bro. C. F. Ayerst, W.M. W. Bros. F. E. Wilson, L. J. Pettypiece, J. E. Magee, F. J. Maloney, P.Ms.

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No. 46, Wellington, Chatham. W. Bro. N. Mahon, W.M. T.W. Bro. J. A. McCallum, V.W. Bro. J. H. Sullivan, P.Ms.

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No. 92, Cataraqui, Kingston. W. Bro. C. H. Wood, W.M.

No. 93, Northern Light, Kincardine. W. Bro. J. A. Smith, P.M. and Proxy.

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DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

The following distinguished brethren, guests of Grand Lodge, who were on the dais, were formally introduced to the brethren. Among these were M.W. Bro. Henry Willis, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, M.W. Bro. W. M. Williamson, Grand Secretary of Quebec; R.W. Bro. Edwin Smith, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada and R.W. Bro. A. F. Webster, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, A. & A .S. Rite for the Dominion of Canada.

The distinguished visitors were received with hearty acclamations and M.W. Bro. Willis spoke briefly in acknowledgment of the warmth of their reception.

MESSAGES OF REGRET

It was moved by M.W. Bro. J. A. Rowland, seconded by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone and resolved: That this Grand Lodge views with much sorrow the enforced absence of four of its Past Grand Masters and directs that messages be sent to M.W. Bros. Sir. John Gibson, F. W. Harcourt and W. N. Ponton, assuring them of the sympathy of their brethren in their ill health and the hope of their speedy recovery to strength; and that M.W. Bro. W. D. McPherson be given the assurance of the heart-felt sorrow of his brethren for his recent bereavement.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME FROM LOCAL LODGES

A deputation consisting of the Masters of the ten lodges of the City of London, accompanied by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, was formally introduced by R.W. Bro. R. R. Lee, D.D.G.M. On their behalf the following address was read by the M.W. of St. John's Lodge, No. 20:

"To the Most Worshipful the Hon. John S. Martin, Grand Master, officers and members of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

"It is the proud privilege of the ten Masonic lodges of London to welcome yourself, your officers and the members of the Grand Body to our Temple and to our city on the occasion of the 73rd annual communication, and we hasten to offer you, with dutiful assurances of loyalty and respect, the most cordial expressions of esteem and regard which we as hosts entertain towards our worshipful and distinguished guests.

"In this Garden of Canada we have during the past century passed through the various stages of social development, which have transformed "The Forks of the Thames" into a considerable, spacious

and beautiful city, generously equipped with all the essentials to the comfortable, intellectual and spiritual growth of a happy and fortunate people. At every stage of this transformation, Masonry has inconspicuously and unceasingly exerted its beneficent influence, and the master builders of the social structure have in many cases been master workmen in our beloved craft, over whose destiny you at this time preside. While this civic progress has been constant and noteworthy our Masonic growth has ever reflected this advancement ,and since your august body last convened here, two lodges have been launched upon successful careers.

Order Grows in City

"In this interval we have enlarged our temple at a cost of over $30,000, and we are proud to say that it is today the unencumbered property of the London brethren. It is ample in its accommodations for all the requirements of the order, and large enough to serve the needs of this assemblage. Thus we rejoice at the thought that this meeting of the governing body here gives opportunity for that personal contact which will be of vast mutual benefit. Old friendships are renewed with enthusiasm, new friendships are formed and fraternal relationships are cemented and adorned through intelligent co-operation and better understanding.

"These thoughts have a general application, but with respect to yourself, Most Worshipful Sir, we desire to acknowledge the inspiration of your example —your achievements in your life work, your eminence in public affairs, your services in the betterment of the basic industry, and finally your happy direction of the affairs of our beloved order .

"And now, Most Worshipful Sir, and members of Grand Lodge, we have but one all-absorbing desire— to play the part of the perfect host, so that every one of you will go to your homes pleased with our city, happy in the friendships established, and ennobled by a finer sense of the dignity, harmony and brotherhood inculcated by our order and demonstrated in this memorable session of 1928."

Signed on behalf of the London lodges,

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St. John s Lodge No. 20
W. A. ADAMS, W.M.
Kilwinning Lodge No. 64
R. J. WILSON, W.M.
St. John s Lodge, No. 209a
S. MERRITT, W.M.
King Solomon's Lodge No. 378
GEORGE OVERTON, W.M.
Acacia Lodge No. 580
H. OWEN, W.M.
St. George s Lodge No. 42
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Corinthian Lodge No. 330
H. EASTON, W.M.
Union Lodge No. 380
A. B. CRAWFORD, W.M.
Temple Lodge No. 597

The grand master, in thanking the masters of the local lodges for the welcome, exhorted them to uphold the standards of freemasonry in the city.

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The roll of the names of those brethren who represent our Sister Jurisdictions near this Grand Lodge was then read by the Grand Secretary. These Grand Representatives were welcomed by the Grand Master and were asked to convey to their respective jurisdictions the good wishes and friendly greetings of this Grand Lodge.

RULES OF ORDER

The Rules of Order were then read by the Grand Secretary.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The Grand Secretary then began to read the minutes of the Proceedings of the last Annual Communication, held at the City of Guelph, July 20th and 21st, 1927, when it was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by M.W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, and Resolved: That the Minutes of the last Annual Communication having been printed and distributed to the Constituent lodges, they be now taken as read and duly confirmed.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Hon. John S. Martin, then addressed the brethren:

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

We are meeting in what is rightfully called the Capital City of Western Ontario. London, the "Forest City", is one of the most beautiful and prosperous cities of Ontario, being situated in the centre of one of the richest agricultural areas of Canada. In addition, you have diversified industrial developments and extensive manufacturing interests which have meant success and prosperity to all. You have been particularly free from real estate booms, strikes and industrial troubles generally, and you have maintained a steady, solid growth so much to be desired.

It has been a matter of keen appreciation, on the part of Western Ontario particularly and of the whole Province generally, to note the splendid efforts of your citizens to make London an outstanding educational centre. You have been most generous in your provision for the primary, secondary and technical school needs of your young people; yet your latest effort in building up an endowment for Western University is a splendid example of the vision and loyalty of your citizens. I am satisfied that your efforts will have the approval and backing not only of the people of Western Ontario but also of the Government of this Province. Located, as it is, in such a rich farming area and realizing as I do the great agricultural possibilities of the present day, I am pleased to note that the University authorities have decided to stress agricultural research as one of the major activities of the University. May success attend their efforts!

Western Ontario reminds one of a beautiful garden and when we realize that one hundred and twenty-five years ago it was practically a forest wilderness, we are filled with respect and admiration for the men and women who brought this about. Here and there we see evidences of these earlier days but the log house, the stump fence, the corduroy road and other landmarks are rapidly sinking into oblivion.

Many of the men who performed these miracles are still with us. Their hands, twisted and calloused, bear silent testimony to their superhuman efforts and long days of ceaseless toil. The beautiful farm homes which

they have left behind are a monument to them. They came here empty-handed but with courageous and hopeful hearts, and the work which they have done will endure.

Early in the history of this Province there were men here and there who, realizing that man cannot live by bread alone, set about the task f caring for his spiritual, educational and social needs. Churches and schools were built and immediately Masonic Lodges began to spring up, their Warrants being obtained from the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland. These early Masons, who also were pioneers, laid the foundation for a splendid masonic structure. I have always felt that they did a wonderful service for Canada. The history of this Grand Lodge and the great man, William Mercer Wilson, who was our first Grand Master, is a most interesting narrative. The manner in which these great Masons guided the destinies of Freemasonry, facing opposition and overcoming difficulties of all kinds, should be an inspiration to every one of us. They built upon the broad foundation of tolerance and good-will and the subsequent marvellous growth of the Order is no doubt due to the good judgment and wisdom which they displayed.

I have always held a great respect, almost approaching reverence, for these pioneers of Masonry and we are honoured to-day by the presence of a great number of them. The pioneer Masons were real builders and we, their successors, acknowledge our debt and tender them our heartfelt gratitude.

In accepting the office of Grand Master I am very appreciative of the honour which you have conferred upon me and I am deeply touched by the confidence which you have placed in me. My chief thought, however, is the hope that I may faithfully discharge the great responsibility which you have placed upon me and that, during my term of office, I may be of real service to the Craft. I am particularly anxious that the Craft should have a strong appeal for those who follow the same occupation as myself, that of farming. Since the first Grand Master was elected, this office has been held by

many talented men of various professions and callings but until my election at the last meeting of Grand Lodge no farmer had ever been elected Grand Master. Therefore, I feel that, in electing me to this office, you have honoured agriculture and the thousands of worthy and devoted members of our Order who follow that calling. In the past we have had differences between residents of city and country and many of our rural people have felt that, although they toiled long and faithfully, they were not getting their fair share in the prosperity which they saw all around them. Our urban people, not understanding or appreciating the difficulties of rural life, were apt to feel that our rural people were complaining without cause. In the interests of our Province and our Country it is most undesirable that these differences and misunderstandings should exist. Masonry, recognizing neither race, creed nor occupation, is doing wonderful work in uniting all classes of men in the interests of good citizenship. No other organization has so great an opportunity of developing good citizenship and creating a bond of understanding and sympathy among all classes of our people.

In looking back over the past year, my first thought is one of gratitude and thankfulness to so many of my Brethren for the valuable assistance which they have rendered in aiding me to carry out the duties of my office. The responsibilities attached to the office of Grand Master in this great jurisdiction are many and I should never have undertaken them had I not known that my Brethren would see me through. The assistance given by my predecessor, Most Worshipful Brother Rowland, the Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother Dargavel, and the Grand Secretary, Right Worshipful Brother Logan, has been invaluable and I could depend on it at all times. The faithful service rendered by the Grand Treasurer, Most Worshipful Brother E. T. Malone, over so many years is a record which I believe is not equalled by any Grand Treasurer on this Continent. We sympathize deeply with Most Worshipful Brother Malone in his recent painful illness and it is the fervent wish of every Mason here assembled that he may be soon restored to perfect health. I must not forget the other Grand and Past

Grand Officers who have assisted me, particularly the Grand Senior Warden, Right Worshipful Brother George Fairley, and the Grand Junior Warden, Right Worshipful Brother Samuel Kirk. No Grand Wardens were ever more faithful to their duties. In fact, all the Grand Lodge officers have taken their work seriously and have rendered excellent service.

I have been very much pleased with the District Deputy Grand Masters who were elected at the last session of Grand Lodge. I have found them to be a body of serious-minded men with a full sense and appreciation of their duties and responsibilities. Added to this, I have found them untiring, zealous and enthusiastic so that the result of their tenure of office cannot fail to have a beneficial effect on the Craft generally.

I am greatly indebted to the Brethren for their co-operation in reducing the number of the Grand Master's visits. Most Worshipful Brother Harcourt, during his first year of office, made over one hundred visits and Most Worshipful Brother Ponton made considerably more than this number. Under the practice established by Most Worshipful Brother Rowland and continued by myself, the number of visits has been reduced at least one half and I believe the change has met with the approval of the Brethren generally. A meeting, held at a central point and attended by the District Deputy Grand Master, and the Masters, Wardens and other officers of the lodges of that district, is thoroughly representative and is really the best way for the Grand Master to meet the different districts. I count it a privilege to have met so many of my Brethren at these meetings and I also feel that they serve a useful purpose in binding the Brethren more closely together in masonic brotherhood. The average attendance at these meetings was between four and five hundred and I can conscientiously say that there was not a poor meeting among them. Time will not permit me to describe all these meetings but they will remain ever vivid in my memory. I cannot forbear, however, making special reference to the magnificent District Meeting in Ottawa, which was attended by over twelve hundred Masons, including the ruling Master of each one of the twenty-seven lodges in

the District. The address to me, on that occasion, of these twenty-seven Masters is one of my most prized possessions and I was grieved to hear that very recently the circle has been broken and one of these ruling Masters, Worshipful Brother Daniels, has been called to the Grand Lodge above.

For a number of years I have felt that there is not enough personal contact among the different Masonic Jurisdictions of Canada. We do not know each other nearly as well as we should and the criticism has been made to me on more than one occasion, that we, in the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, are too self-centred and that we do not take the friendly interest in the other Jurisdictions that we should. I think, Brethren, that this criticism is quite unwarranted. From personal knowledge, I have found that the Brethren of our Grand Lodge are following with keen interest and pride the progress of our sister Grand Lodges. However, this is a large Jurisdiction and a busy one. Distances in Canada are great, while time and money are important considerations. The difficulty is further increased by conflicts in the dates of meeting of the various Grand Lodges, which make it impossible for a Grand Master to visit as many of them as he could wish during his term of office. In my trip to Western Canada during the present year I was unable to attend more than two of the Grand Lodges in that section of our great country. A similar condition prevails in the Eastern Provinces, where the Grand Lodges meet at almost the same times as those in the West. It seems to me that it would be in the interest, not only of Masonry but of a closer understanding among the various parts of our far-flung Dominion, if something could be done to facilitate and encourage a regular exchange of visits among all of our Canadian Grand Lodges.

With reference to this whole matter I should like to quote from a letter which I recently received from Right Worshipful Brother Sir Alfred Robbins, President of the Board of General Purposes of the United Grand Lodge of England.

> "I was much interested in the Masonic information you have given and I am particularly glad to

know that you are following the practice of attending meetings of Grand Lodges of other jurisdictions not only in the Canadian Provinces but in the United States. I think it is an excellent idea, for it carries forward the notion I have long been advocating of a more full, free and frequent intercourse between the leading representatives of the various Jurisdictions so as to remove any possible cause for misapprehension or misunderstanding.

It is particularly good to hear that you have been greatly impressed by the enthusiasm and zeal of the Craft in all parts of your Jurisdiction, and I can say for England, as you say for Canada, that the prestige of Masonry is steadily increasing from year to year."

During the month of June I was able to make fraternal visits to our daughter Jurisdictions of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, both Provinces having received their first Warrants from the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario. The Grand Lodge of Manitoba held their Annual Communication in Winnipeg, at the Fort Garry Hotel, on the thirteenth and fourteenth of June. It gave me great pleasure to extend to the Grand Master and Brethren of Manitoba, greetings from our Grand Lodge. I was given a very enthusiastic welcome and Grand Master Miller referred, in the warmest terms, to Most Worshipful Brother Rowland's visit to Manitoba during his term of office and to their sincere desire to encourage the continuance of the fraternal visits between these two Grand Jurisdictions.

It was a very successful meeting and I was much impressed by the quiet dignity of their sessions, by the splendid spirit of harmony which prevailed and by the large number of Past Grand Masters who were present. There are no less than twenty-six Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, which is in marked contrast to the small number of Past Grand Masters of our Grand Lodge—seven at present. Manitoba must be a very healthy Province.

On the twentieth of June I attended the Twenty-Second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. I believe that Most Worshipful Brother

Ponton visited Saskatchewan during his term as Grand Z but the Brethren informed me that it was the first time that they had ever had a visit from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario at any of their Annual Communications. Their meeting was held in Saskatoon, that City which has made such a meteoric growth in recent years. Saskatchewan is a large Province and on account of incessant rains, the crops were looking wonderfully well but the roads were in a very bad condition. Yet in spite of this handicap they had a very successful meeting, with about five hundred members in attendance. The Grand Master for the past year was The Honourable Mr. Justice Martin, formerly Premier of Saskatchewan and an old college friend of mine at Toronto University. He has made a very efficient Grand Master and Presiding Officer. For me it was a most enjoyable experience, the renewing of an old friendship, the recollections of old times and the fraternal meeting of Brethren from all parts of Saskatchewan. These Brethren I found to be just as active, just as proficient and just as zealous as our Brethren in Ontario. Their District Deputy Grand Masters, a splendid lot of men, reported progress, peace and harmony throughout their various Districts. Realizing the great difficulties under which they perform their duties, I feel that the best traditions of Masonry are being observed in the Grand Jurisdiction of Saskatchewan. One thing I must especially commend and that is their splendid Benevolent Fund. Their total membership is 13,000 and their fund is $220,000, which is abour $17 per capita.

On this trip I also visited Pequonga, Lake of the Woods and Keewatin Lodges at Kenora on the fifteenth of June and Golden Chapter on the sixteenth of June, on the occasion of a fraternal visit from Grand Chapter Masons from Minnesota. The Minnesota Brethren put on the Royal Arch Degree and it was followed by a banquet at the Tourist Hotel. International visits such as this cannot help having a beneficial effect on the Brethren at large.

In this connection I must not overlook a fraternal visit to the Grand Lodge of Michigan at Detroit on the 22nd of May. At our last Communication in Guelph

we were highly honoured by having as our guests Most Worshipful Brother Geo. Graves, Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother F. Homer Newton, Deputy Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Lou B. Winsor, Past Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brothers Wm. H. Gallagher and Frank O. Gilbert, Grand Lecturer, all from the Grand Lodge of Michigan. I gladly accepted an invitation to repay this visit accompanied by Most Worshipful Brother Rowland.

Nothing could have been more cordial than was the reception accorded us. The Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack were displayed side by side on the floor of Grand Lodge. As we ascended the dais we were greeted with the strains of "The Maple Leaf" and "O Canada".

The sessions of Grand Lodge were held in the beautiful Scottish Rite Cathedral of the new Masonic Temple. This magnificent temple, erected at a cost of over $8,000,000, surpasses anything that I have ever seen and is no doubt the finest Masonic Temple in the world. I have no words to describe this wonderful structure but it is well worth a trip to Detroit to see it.

However, after all, the spirit of Masonry is found not in magnificent temples and beautiful appointments but rather in the hearts of its members and in this respect the Grand Lodge of Michigan is in no wise lacking. The Honourable Fred W. Green, Governor of Michigan and the Honourable Louis H. Faed, Past Grand Master, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and many other outstanding citizens were in attendance. The courtesies extended to Brother Rowland and myself made it a very happy and instructive day. May the warm fraternal feelings, existing between our two Grand Lodges, ever continue.

It is a real regret that I have not been able to see more of my brethren in Northern Ontario. However, I do not feel that I am a stranger because I have made a number of visits to the North in connection with my Departmental duties and I have been more and more impressed with the great possibilities and the resources which only

await development. It is being borne in upon us that none of us can begin to realize what the future has in store for this great Empire of the North. I feel that a great privilege is awaiting me in the near future, as I hope to visit thoroughly this whole Northern area.

I must not overlook my visit to North Bay, the gateway of the North, on the occasion of the laying of the corner stone of the New Masonic Temple. It was a great day and the weather was ideal. The ceremony took place in the afternoon and was witnessed by a large gathering of Masons and citizens, and I look for renewed energy and still greater progress among the brethren of North Bay. I do not know of a City where, comparatively speaking, Masonry has made more progress than it has in North Bay. A new temple is urgently needed and I am delighted that the brethren have risen to the occasion.

However, the outstanding event of my first year of office was no doubt the assembling of 2,500 Masons at historic old St. John's Church, Woodhouse, to pay tribute to the memory of Wm. Mercer Wilson, the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada. No more impressive gathering of Masons have I ever seen. The address of the day was given by Most Worshipful Brother W. H. Wardrope, K.C. Later, a brief service was held at the grave and wreaths were placed there by the Grand Master and Most Worshipful Brother Rowland. May we never fail to acknowledge our indebtedness to the founders of our Grand Lodge and may the tomb of our first Grand Master ever remain one of our sacred landmarks.

The appeal of Masonry in Ontario was never higher than it is to-day and as an indication of this I would point to the ever increasing number of clergymen of different denominations, who are seeking to become members of our Order. They realize that the principles of Masonry are sound and the influence of Masonry in building up citizenship cannot be overestimated. The Masonic Lodge can be of great service to the Church and men are realizing more and more the close relationship existing between the two. Another indication of the

prestige of Masonry is the desire of so many Masons to have their sons become members of the Craft as soon as possible after they have reached their twenty-first birthday. There could be no finer testimony than this.

We are proud of the achievements of the past but we realize that we are more vitally interested in the possibilities of the future. In this connection I should like to point out the great opportunity for service open to the Past Masters of Lodges. I have noticed quite a tendency among Masters to consider that their duty toward Masonry has been fulfilled when they retire from office. This, Brethren, is all wrong. When you have gone through the different chairs and have filled the office of Worshipful Master, the experience which you have gained has made you a most valuable member of your lodge. My general observation has been that those lodges are doing the best work where they have a strong group of active Past Masters. The Past Masters, because of their knowledge and experience, are charged with the maintenance of the standards, the dignity, traditions and landmarks of Masonry. Masonry has done much for you. May you ever be mindful of our dutiesy and responsibilities to the Craft!

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership to-day is estimated at approximately 114,000 and we have 563 lodges. Seven lodges received their Warrants at the last Annual Communication and these have all been constituted and consecrated. Dispensations have been issued for the formation of four new lodges.

I desire to reiterate the warnings and teachings of my predecessors that mere numerical strength is not in itself a true standard of masonic progress and advancement. Masonry does not deprecate the increase in numbers but it does discourage material growth when it means a lowering of the standard of its membership. The prestige and strength of Masonry depend upon the character of its members, and the admission of undesirable candidates cannot fail to reflect on the honour and

the high importance of the whole masonic fabric. The thorough investigation of candidates for admission is vital to the welfare of every lodge and to the maintenance of those essential principles upon which its highest ideals have been founded. There is no more important duty than the work of the Committee of Investigation of candidates. This cannot be too strongly emphasized by the Masters of all lodges, but particularly those lodges meeting in the larger centres of population. Here, in these larger centres, proper and sufficient information regarding the applicant is often difficult to obtain. In submitting a report it is not sufficient to depend on a casual interview, nor to rest on the reputation of the applicant as being a "good fellow". We must establish his moral and intellectual fitness by those, preferably Masons, with whom he associates in his daily vocation. The Worshipful Master is responsible for naming the Committees of Investigation. Greater care might be exercised in the appointment of these Committees. It is not a work for the young and inexperienced Mason but rather for the skill and maturer judgment of the senior members and officers of the lodge. Let us remember that Free Masonry requires to-day, as never before, an increasingly high standard of excellence in its membership, and this can only be achieved by admitting men who will maintain its dignity, be receptive to its teachings and loyal to its traditional precepts and ideals.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Gross receipts for the past year were $149,000, which is about the same amount as our revenue last year.

Expenditure for general charges 1926–27 was $39,000, this past year about $36,000.

Benevolent Grants—1926–27:

General Fund	$ 96,000
Semi-Centennial Fund	5,000
Total	$101,000

Benevolent Grants—1927–28:

General Fund	$100,000
Semi-Centennial Fund	5,000
Total	$105,000
Assets:	
General Fund	$360,000
Semi-Centennial Fund	107,700
Total	$467,700
Increase over 1926–27	$11,000

From the above figures it will be seen that our revenue and our benevolent grants for the past three years have been practically stationary. Were it not for two factors, Grand Lodge would have been up against serious difficulties. These factors were the effort of your Committee on Benevolence to get the constituent lodges to assume a greater responsibility with respect to their needy brethren and the very careful checking up of the different benevolent grants already being paid.

Brethren, the appeals of distress are becoming more numerous and I believe you all realize that, if Grand Lodge is going to function and to heed these calls of distress, additional funds must be provided for benevolence. The Semi-Centennial Fund of $100,000 was raised about twenty-five years ago when the membership was about 34,000. Since then over 80,000 members have been added to the Order, most of whom have made no contribution to this Benevolent Fund. The past twenty-five years have seen our greatest growth and prosperity and it does seem fitting that some tangible recognition of this prosperity should be made. I believe that our Committee on the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary is considering something of this kind and it will be placed before Grand Lodge at the proper time.

It is encouraging to note the strong and healthy financial position of so many of our lodges. This is evidence of prudent, wise and business-like administration. It is desirable in every lodge, and especially essential in the lodges with large and increasing member-

ship, that each lodge should aim at a balanced budget so that the annual dues will provide for the regular and ordinary expenditure. Initiation and affiliation fees should be capitalized and placed in a rest or reserve account. In some instances, the annual dues are too small and the expenditures too extravagant, resulting in the necessity of initiation fees being used to meet the current operating expenses of the lodge. This method of financing is apt to bring trouble and disaster to the lodge. It may result in the admission of undesirable candidates to membership and naturally is apt to limit and restrict the proper and necessary activities and functions of a lodge. Our Masonic pioneers builded, not only for their day but for the future, and we, following their example, must likewise provide in our financial structure for any necessity which may arise when perhaps least expected.

RULINGS

Complaint was made by a Past Master that the Worshipful Master of his Lodge had permitted a deviation from the established ritual in working the M.M. degree. I ruled that of course no change, addition or alteration is permissible in our ritual, and I directed that the Worshipful Master of the Lodge be so instructed and warned.

A complaint was made that, in balloting on an application for initiation, the members in the ante-room were not notified and were thereby prevented from voting. The fact having been established, I directed that the ballot be declared invalid and that the applicant be again balloted upon after the statutory formalities.

I permitted the Senior Wardens of Beach Lodge No. 639 and Garden Lodge No. 641, to be installed as Worshipful Masters respectively, under Section 59, Clause 8 of the Constitution, they not having served for twelve months as Wardens in warranted lodges. It must not be overlooked, however, that these Brethren served considerable time as Wardens while their respective Lodges were under dispensation.

For good and sufficient reasons, I permitted a very few lodges to initiate candidates who did not belong to their jurisdictions.

In one case, where a man had been rejected by the Lodge in whose jurisdiction he lived, I refused permission to another Lodge to receive his petition, feeling that it would be creating a dangerous precedent.

A Lodge was refused permission to initiate a candidate whose time limit of six months had expired.

Several Lodges were refused permission to receive applications from candidates who had not established the Masonic residence of twelve months.

These are all the rulings that are of sufficient importance to be recorded.

DISPENSATIONS

During the past year, 765 dispensations were issued and of these dispensations more than half were issued to various lodges for permission to attend divine service. The regular fee was collected in each case. The Masonic Order has always been the strong ally of the Church and no Mason is fulfilling his whole duty to Masonry who does not attend Church. The practice of lodges attending divine worship is one that should receive every encouragement and it seems to me that the revenue from dispensations of this kind could very well be dispensed with. I would therefore recommend that no fee be charged for a dispensation to attend divine worship.

A number of other dispensations were granted to lodges to receive the petitions of candidates suffering from physical disabilities. In such cases I have followed the practice of my immediate predecessors and granted dispensation where the prospective candidate was of a high calibre mentally, was able to understand and to follow our ritual and ceremonies, and where his presence in a lodge would not be an embarrassment to the mem-

bers. I have also required the personal endorsation of the District Deputy Grand Master and the assurance that the applicant was able to support himself financially.

COMMISSIONS

It was brought to my attention that a lodge in one of our Cities had lowered the dignity of our work by clothing what was called their "degree" team in some bizarre and mountebank costumes. I appointed R.W. Bro. Dr. Sutherland of Woodstock with two others to investigate the proceedings and on his report directed that the W.M. be admonished and warned against a repetition of the offence.

I appointed a Commission consisting of R.W. Bros. T. A. Carson, H. J. Alexander and W. E. Hopkings, to investigate the condition of affairs in a lodge where the misuse of the ballot had been causing dissension and ill-feeling. I am glad to say that through the wise actions of the Commission harmony has been restored

APPOINTMENTS

Immediately after the last Communication of Grand Lodge I appointed W. Bro. W. J. Price, Orangeville, to assume the duties of District Deputy Grand Master of Grey District, where the brother elected at Grand Lodge had declined to accept the office. I would ask that this appointment be confirmed and that R. W. Bro. Price be given the rank of P.D.D.G.M.

I appointed W. Bro. John H. Spence, Brantford, a Grand Steward to fill the vacancy caused by the death of V.W. Bro. A. E. Covell, of Toronto.

MASONIC LIBRARIES

In our day, with our many and varied activities, it is probably necessary to remind you, my Brethren, that we are enjoined to make a daily advancement in masonic

knowledge. We have a duty to all our members, particularly the newly initiated members, to give them an opportunity to receive the necessary instruction and education in our history, our traditions and our symbolism. We are possibly losing the active interest of some of our most promising members because there has not been available the sources of masonic knowledge. Such knowledge may be secured from various masonic books and publications which can be obtained at prices within the reach of every lodge within our Jurisdiction. No lodge should be without a small library and every library should have a copy of each year's proceedings of Grand Lodge. Each Mason should be encouraged to learn of the work and influence of Masonry in this Province and throughout the whole masonic world. It will provide and stimulate an interest in the student for further light in Masonry. Masons are intellectual men. They should have the privilege of learning and thinking for themselves. Let us give them the opportunity of acquiring some of that great wealth of information which Masonry affords.

As to the selection of books for this library, I must utter a word of caution. There are masonic books and masonic literature being circulated which I would call positive trash and the circulation of these books among our members would be very apt to give them a wrong impression of the purposes and ideals of Masonry. The suggestion I would place before Grand Lodge for your consideration is this—that a Committee on Masonic Libraries be named to go into this question and to report at the next meeting of Grand Lodge.

We say of Masonry that it is a "progressive science" and the words are profoundly true. There is a logical sequence in the system, a sort of natural progress in the advancement of the candidate through the several degrees Masonry is "progressive" too in the sense in which life itself is a progress. We accept its plain and simple morality with ready acquiescence, perhaps without a great deal of reflection. It is only as we grow in years and experience that we feel and know its real application and come to understand its full significance. But there is another sense in which it is progressive to those

who have been actively engaged in the work of the Craft, and my experience of the past year has given me a new conception of the possibilities of Masonry, its far-reaching influence in our individual and social life. Each of us will interpret that influence as he sees or feels it. The thing that has appealed to me is its steadying power, its sense of proportion, its standard of values. For Masonry has more than its historical authority to commend it. Without being dogmatic, either in spirit or in form, it places an unerring finger on the things that count and the things that do not, and assigns to each its proper place in the scheme of human life. A sense of proportion, a standard of values, we need them most when old systems have passed away and it remains to be seen what will arise to take their place. It would seem at times as if the homely virtues, the simple pleasures had lost their power to interest and attract. The man, who has lived a quiet, useful life, who has gone about doing good, slips unnoticed from the scene, while wealth, popular favour and applause are the portion of those who minister to our craving for excitement. And yet one feels beneath it all a growing seriousness of purpose, a desire for those things that have a permanent value. It is a time for sober thinking and for honest speaking—a time to keep in mind the injunction of the great letter writer of the New Testament, "Prove all things! hold fast that which is good."

To some extent—less perhaps than it threatened at one time to be—our Masonic Lodges have suffered from that craving for amusement and excitement, that distortion of values that seems to be so characteristic of to-day. The Master enters upon his term of office with a desire that his year shall be a success. He would add to the membership of his Lodge. He would increase the average attendance at the meetings, and in the spirit of the day he seeks to create a "fourth degree" that will interest and attract and amuse. Increasing membership—even increased attendance—may or may not be a sign of increasing strength. The function of the Lodge is to teach by precept and example the principles of Masonry. The permanent value, the enduring influence of the Lodge for the individual member will always depend upon how far that function has been discharged,

to what extent it has made these principles of Masonry understood.

I have stressed brotherhood as a distinguishing quality of our Craft, fundamental to its past development and essential to its further usefulness and achievement. I have emphasized the importance of this quality as it affects the individual member and the individual lodge, through which the ideals of the Order must be interpreted and exemplified. I would further point out, however, that this quality of brotherhood should have a still wider interpretation and be applied to the problems of the Nation and the world at large. There are to-day, I believe, over four million Masons speaking the English tongue and I would it were possible for us to visualize the power which this great concourse could exercise on the trend of world events, if it could be directed towards a unified and practical objective.

There is no more daring, no more hopeful movement in the world to-day than the movement for the abolition of war. War has its roots in human greed, in human jealousies, nurtured sometimes through centuries of growth and fostered by those animated by the most remorseless selfishness. War generates the lowest and vilest of human passions just as truly as it calls forth the finest of chivalry and the noblest of self-sacrifice. Out of the Great War there came a new and more widespread appreciation of these facts and from them a greater desire to end war for all time, but this desire, however nobly conceived, would end in a beautiful theory unless concrete steps were taken to give it effect. Hence the League of Nations organization was set up, which has rendered wonderful service in a comparatively short time, in spite of all that may be said against it. Still it could not achieve its full object while the powerful Nation to the South of us stood aloof. But while the United States stood aloof from this organization, it declared its fidelity to the same ideal and endeavoured to seek other forms of attaining it. In the course of events, which I do not need to review in detail, they proposed to the other nations just a few months ago, that a treaty be signed by the other great Powers, declaring their respective renunciation of war. This was placed

before the British Government and the public wondered what the British Government would say. Would they say to the United States, "You refused to join with us in the League of Nations. Why should we join with you in this other form of procedure?" The people, however, had not long to wait and only a few weeks ago the British Government, speaking through its Foreign Secretary, sent its reply and at the outset made this clear cut statement:

> "The suggestion of the conclusion of a treaty for the renunciation of war as an instrument of national policy has evoked widespread interest in this country, and His Majesty's Government will support the movement to the utmost of their power."

As in all other matters of this nature, the British Government rang true to its ideals and declared its readiness to co-operate with anybody in any way which offered any chance of progress. They have said, "to the utmost of our power" and we all know what that means when backed by the word of Great Britain. "To the utmost of our power" is no idle form from a Nation which is still paying the price of adhering to its word in one of the greatest crises of the world.

Hence I submit that this ideal should receive the thought and support of the great body of which we form a part. If war is finally abolished it will be abolished because of the force of public opinion and I believe we can play a big and useful part in creating that public opinion which is necessary to give force and effect to the pledges and ideals of leaders and Governments. "To the utmost of our power" may well be adopted as our pledge, in acknowledging the obligations of world-wide brotherhood as well as the obligations of those closer ties which lie nearer home, but which, perhaps, are no more important in their influence on human events. Thus will we fully realize the ideals which are set before us and help to bring about the time portrayed by the poet, Edwin Markham:

"The crest and crowning of all good,
Life's final star, is Brotherhood;
For it will bring again to earth
Her long-lost Poesy and Mirth;
Will send new light on every face,
A kingly power upon the race.
And till it comes, we men are slaves,
And travel downward to the dust of graves.

Come, clear the way, then, clear the way:
Blind creeds and kings have had their day.
Break the dead branches from the path:
Our hope is in the aftermath—
Our hope is in heroic men,
Star-led to build the world again.
To this event the ages ran:
Make way for Brotherhood—make way for
Man!

JOHN S. MARTIN,
Grand Master

APPENDIX

Corner Stone

The Corner Stone of the new Masonic Temple at North Bay was laid on Tuesday, May 29th, 1928, by the M.W. the Grand Master.

Constitutions and Consecrations

The following lodges have been constituted and consecrated, viz.:—

Beach Lodge No. 639, Hamilton Beach, on Tuesday, September 13th, 1927.

Anthony Sayer Lodge No. 640, Mimico, on Friday, September 16th, 1927, by M.W. Bro. Hon. John S. Martin, Grand Master.

Lake Shore No. 645, Mimico, on Monday, September 18th, 1927, by R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, Deputy Grand Master.

Simcoe Lodge No. 644, Toronto, on Friday, September 30th, 1927, by M.W. Bro. Hon. John S. Martin, Grand Master

Cathedral Lodge No. 643, Toronto, on Tuesday' October 4th, 1927, by M.W. Bro. Hon. John S. Martin, Grand Master.

Garden Lodge No. 641, and St. Andrew's Lodge No. 642, Windsor, on Friday, October 14th, 1927, by R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, Deputy Grand Master.

Dedications

The following lodges have been dedicated, viz:—

Doric Lodge No. 233, Parkhill, on Friday, September 2nd, 1927.

Beach Lodge No. 639, Hamilton Beach, on Tuesday, September 13th, 1927.

Macnab Lodge No. 169, Port Colborne, on Tuesday, January 10th, 1928 by M.W. Bro. Hon. John S. Martin, Grand Master.

Coronation Lodge No. 502, Smithville, on Friday, January 20th, 1928, by R.W. Bro. J. C. Fralick, D.D. G.M.

Enniskillen Lodge No. 185, York, on Monday, May 14th, 1928, by R.W. Bro. John Forth, P.D.D.G.M.

Florence Lodge No. 390, Florence, by M.W. Bro. John S. Martin, Grand Master, on Wednesday, May 16th, 1928.

Percy Lodge No. 161, Warkworth, on Thursday, May 24th, 1928, by R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, D.G.M.

Dispensations for New Lodges

The following dispensations for new lodges have been issued, viz.:—

Rowland Lodge at Mount Albert, in the County of York.

Todmorden Lodge at Todmorden, in the County of York.

Spruce Falls Lodge at Kapuskasing, in the District of Cochrane.

Temple Lodge at Oshawa, in the County of Ontario.

Grand Representatives

Upon nomination of their respective Grand Masters, the following brethren have been appointed to represent this Grand Lodge near their own Grand Lodges, viz.:—

M.W. Bro. J. A. Jackson, Grand Lodge of Alberta.

W. Bro. George Foster, Grand Lodge of Kansas.

M.W. Bro. Fred Acker, Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

Other Appointments by the Grand Master

W. Bro. John H. Spence, Brantford, was appointed Grand Steward to fill the vacancy caused by the death of V.W. Bro. A. E. Covell.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by M.W. Bro. J. A. Rowland, and Resolved: That the Address of the Grand Master be referred to a Special Committee. The Grand Master appointed M.W. Bros. E. T. Malone, W. H. Wardrope and J. A. Rowland to this Committee.

LONG SERVICE MEDALS

The Grand Secretary read the names of those Past Masters who were entitled to the medals given for Long Service, as follows: Wm. H. Lutz, Alma Lodge, No. 72, in 1878; Hugh Blain, St. John's, 75, in 1878; John French, Sydenham, 255, in 1878; H. J. Finkle, Oxford, 76, 1876; Patrick Buckley, St. John's 82, in 1874; Richard Dunlop, Ionic, 328, in 1878; T. M. Till, Wellington, 271, in 1878; Duncan Sinclair, Prince of Wales, 171, in 1878; Wm. Crawford, Clifton, 254, in 1878; Melbourne Durkee, St. John's, 104, in 1874.

Of the above Bros. French and Durkee were present and were invited to the dais, when M.W. Bro. J. A. Rowland addressed them briefly and presented them with the medals, amid the prolonged applause of the brethren.

LETTERS

Letters of regret were read from the following expressing their sorrow at being unable to attend: The Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries of the Grand Lodges of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, British Columbia, Alberta, Massachusetts and Michigan.

A letter was read from Sir Alfred Robbins, President of the Board of General Purposes of the United Grand Lodge of England, expressing his sincere appreciation of the honour conferred by this Grand Lodge in conferring upon him the rank of Past Grand Senior Warden.

A letter was also read conveying her personal greetings to this Grand Lodge from Miss Mary Mercer Wilson, daughter of our first Grand Master.

The reports of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary were then presented by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone and R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan, respectively, as follows:

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

I herewith submit a statement of the receipts and disbursements and investment accounts of the Grand Lodge for the year ended 31st May, 1928.

GENERAL ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

To balance of account in the Canadian Bank of Commerce on the 31st day of May, 1927		$ 19,736.74
Received from Grand Secretary from Lodges		129,146.25
Interest on Investments		18,172.08
Interest on Bank Deposits		854.30
Debentures Matured:—		
St. Thomas	$ 1,538.12	
Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry	4,000.00	
		5,538.12
Refunds:—		
From Grand Lodge Expenses	$ 35.70	
From Printing	85.35	
		121.05
		$173,568.54

DISBURSEMENTS

General Charges	$36,238.98	
Benevolent Orders	101,735.00	
Purchases of Canada Permanent Trust Co. guaranteed $10,000.00		
Sandwich East 4,163.97		
	14,163.97	
		152,137.95
Balance on Deposit in Canadian Bank of Commerce, May 31st, 1928	$24,794.61	
Less Outstanding cheques	3,364.02	
		21,430.59
		$173,568.54

All of which is fraternally submitted,

E. T. MALONE,
Grand Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,

HARRY F. VIGEON, C.A.
Auditor

Toronto, June 18th, 1928.

DISBURSEMENTS

1927			
June	2	Incidental Expenses	$ 300.00
	9	Grand Treasurer's Clerk	100.00
	24	Queen Alexandra Memorial Fund	1,000.00
		Griffin & Richmond	11.04
		Ontario Printing & Publishing Co.	5.20
		Telephone	7.20
		Hamilton Masonic Hall Association	250.00
		Auditor	150.00
		Grand Secretary	500.00
		Chief Clerk	250.00
		Stenographer	166.66
		Clerk	150.00
		J. B. Nixon	100.00
		Thos. Rowe	250.00
July	21	Grand Lodge Expenses	1,800.00
	25	D. L. Ewing	20.00
		Robt. Raw & Co.	39.66
		Wreaths	40.00
		G. H. Lees	14.73
		W. J. Fearman	19.50
		Incidental Expenses	300.00
		J. B. Nixon	100.00
		Thos. Rowe	250.00
		Telephone	7.20
		Travelling Expenses, G.M.	750.00
		Stenographer	150.00
		Travelling Expenses, D.G.M.	125.00
		Postage, D.G.M.	10.00
		Chairman Ben. Committee	10.00
		Thos. Rowe—Stenographer	75.00
		W. N. Ponton	400.00
		Grand Secretary	500.00
		Chief Clerk	250.00
		Stenographer	166.66
		Clerk	150.00
		Presentations	56.30
Aug.	25	Grand Secretary	500.00
		Chief Clerk	250.00
		Stenographer	166.66
		Clerk	150.00
		Telephone	7.20
		J. B. Nixon	100.00
		Thos. Rowe	250.00
Sept.	9	O. A. C. Cafeteria	60.00
		Robt. Duncan & Co.	115.82
		Robt. Raw & Co.	2.24
		Expenses, Commission	14.55
		Stainton & Downey	2.15
		Masonic Relief Association	548.34
		J. Connon Co.	10.00
		Ellis Brothers	93.00
		H. A. Hignell	185.02
	10	Engrossing Warrants	35.00

Sept.	26	Thos. Rowe	250 .00
		J. B. Nixon	100 .00
		Telephone	7 .20
		Grand Treasurer's Clerk	100 .00
		Auditor	150 .00
		Hamilton Masonic Hall Association	250 .00
		Postage on Pro.	235 .00
		Grand Secretary	500 .00
		Chief Clerk	250 .00
		Stenographer	166 .66
		Clerk	150 .00
	30	Expenses, J. B. Nixon	75 .00
Oct.	13	Testimonial Retiring, G.M.	500 .00
	26	International Railway Publishing Co.	5 .00
		Griffin & Richmond	17 .00
		Insurance	75 .00
		G. H. Lees & Co.	4 .90
		Robt. Duncan & Co.	52 .00
		Ambrose Kent	3 .00
		Thos. Rowe	250 .00
		J. B. Nixon	100 .00
		Grand Secretary	500 .00
		Chief Clerk	250 .00
		Stenographer	166 .66
		Clerk	150 .00
		Telephone	7 .20
		Incidental Expenses	300 .00
Nov.	25	Grand Secretary	500 .00
		Chief Clerk	250 .00
		Stenographer	166 .66
		Clerk	150 .00
		Telephone	7 .20
		Thos. Rowe	250 .00
		J. B. Nixon	100 .00
		Robt. Duncan & Co.	3,320.89
		Howell Lithographing Co.	684.53
		G. H. Lees & Co.	109 .14
		S. Davidson	5 .00
		A. M. Cunningham	25 .00
		W. R. Crockett	20 .28
		Robt. Raw & Co.	26 .00
Dec.	20	J. B. Nixon	100 .00
		Thos. Rowe	250 .00
		Telephone	7 .20
		Grand Treasurer's Clerk	100 .00
		Auditor	150 .00
		Thos. Rowe, Trav. Exp.	350 .00
		Hamilton Masonic Hall Association	250 .00
		Grand Secretary	500 .00
		Chief Clerk	250 .00
		Stenographer	166 .66
		Clerk	150 .00
		Grand Master	750 .00
		Stenographer, G.M.	150 .00
		Deputy Grand Master	125 .00

		Postage, D.G.M.	10.00
		Postage, Chairman Ben. Com.	10.00
		Thos. Rowe, Stenographer	75.00
1928			
Jan.	12	Incidentals	300.00
	30	Insurance	61.96
		Payne & Hardy	27.54
		Ambrose Kent & Son	38.85
		George H. Lees & Co.	104.04
		Robt. Raw & Co.	2,026.18
		Griffin & Richmond	59.97
		Robt. Duncan & Co.	116.87
		John Agnew	18.10
		Telephone	7.20
		John B. Nixon	100.00
		Thos. Rowe	250.00
		Grand Secretary	500.00
		Chief Clerk	250.00
		Stenographer	166.66
		Clerk	150.00
Feb.	29	Thos. Rowe	250.00
		John B. Nixon	100.00
		Telephone	7.20
		Grand Secretary	500.00
		Chief Clerk	250.00
		Stenographer	166.66
		Clerk	150.00
March	31	Rent, Deposit Vault Drawer	40.00
		Ambrose Kent	4.00
		A. C. Turnbull	38.75
		Typewriter Supplies	25.00
		The "Ontario"	4.68
		Robt. Duncan & Co.	5.14
		Robt. Raw & Co.	14.56
		Griffin & Richmond	11.44
		Incidentals	300.00
		Telephone	7.20
		Hamilton Masonic Hall Association	250.00
		J. B. Nixon	100.00
		Thos. Rowe	250.00
		Grand Treasurer's Clerk	100.00
		Auditor	150.00
		Grand Secretary	500.00
		Chief Clerk	250.00
		Stenographer	166.66
		Clerk	150.00
April	30	J. B. Nixon	100.00
		Thos. Rowe	250.00
		Grand Secretary	500.00
		Chief Clerk	250.00
		Stenographer	166.66
		Clerk	150.00
		Flowers	20.00
		Telephone	7.20
		Engrossing Warrant	8.00

May	3	Robt. Raw & Co.	30.39
		Robt. Duncan & Co.	104.86
		Musical Rituals	515.00
		Barnard Stamp & Stencil Co.	4.67
		Ambrose Kent	10.30
		Griffin & Richmond	41.15
		J. B. Nixon	100.00
		Thos. Rowe	250.00
		Telephone	7.20
		Grand Secretary	500.00
		Chief Clerk	250.00
		Stenographer	166.74
		Clerk	150.00
		Travelling Expenses, Thos. Rowe	100.84
			$ 36,238.98
Benevolent Orders			101,735.00
Investments			14,163.97
Bank Balance May 31st, 1928		$24,794.61	
Less outstanding cheques		3,364.02	21,430.59
			$173,568.54

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Statement of Assets as at May 31st, 1928

Securities	Rate of Interest		Cost Value	Face Value
	Bear	Yield		
Dominion of Canada, War Loan	5½	5½	$ 50,500.00	$50,500.00
Dominion of Canada, War Loan	5½	6¼	4,650.00	5,000.00
Toronto General Trusts Corporation	5¼	5¼	11,000.00	11,000.00
Toronto General Trusts Corporation	5	5	10,000.00	10,000.00
Toronto General Trusts Corporation	4¾	4¾	15,000.00	15,000.00
Landed Banking & Loan Company	5¼	5¼	5,000.00	5,000.00
Barton, Township of.	5½	5.20	5,223.00	5,000.00
Brandon, City of	5	4⅞	2,116.04	2,000.00
Brantford, City of	4	3⅞	8,173.00	8,000.00
Brantford, City of	4½	6	4,442.00	5,000.00
Canada Permanent Trust Co	5½	5½	3,000.00	3,000.00
Canada Permanent Trust Co	5	5	20,000.00	20,000.00
Dominion of Canada, C.N.R. Equipment	5	4.95	1,503.75	1,500.00
Hamilton, City of	5½	6	5,192.26	5,072.00
Hamilton, City of	4	6	4,284.00	5,000.00
Kincardine, Town of	5	4⅞	509.80	500.00
Manitoba, Province of	5½	5.30	7,143.50	7,000.00
NewWestminsterCityof	5	4.80	5,125.00	5,000.00
NewWestminsterCityof	5	4¾	5,280.50	5,000.00
National Trusts Corp.	5½	5½	10,000.00	10,000.00
Oxford, County of	5	4½	1,613.60	1,509.58
Ontario, Province of	6	6.55	3,790.00	4,000.00
Ontario, Province of	6	6.30	9,700.00	10,000.00
Ontario, Province of	6	6.50	10,463.75	11,000.00
Ontario, Province of	6	6.05	4,975.00	5,000.00
Ontario, Province of	6	6	10,000.00	10,000.00
Ontario, Province of	6	5.40	16,160.60	15,000.00
Peterborough, City of	4½	4½	5,121.37	5,121.37
Port Arthur, City of	5	4⅞	1,009.31	1,000.00
Strathcona, City of	4½	4¾	4,842.00	5,018.28
St. Thomas, City of	4	4 1/16	10,504.43	10,610.38
Stratford, City of	4½	4⅝	980.85	1,000.00
Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry	6½	6½	11,057.18	11,057.18

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Statement of Assets—Continued

Securities	Rate of Interest		Cost Value	Face Value
	Bear	Yield		
Sandwich E., Township	5½	5.15	4,163.97	4,000.00
Toronto, City of	3½	4.05	4,484.14	4,866.66
Toronto, City of	5½	5.40	8,152.80	8,000.00
Toronto, City of	5½	6¼	5,681.40	6,000.00
Toronto, City of	6	6¼	11,600.40	12,000.00
Toronto, City of	6	6¼	2,901.30	3,000.00
Woodstock, City of	5½	6	4,655.80	5,000.00
Windsor, City of	5	5	10,000.00	10,000.00
York, Township of	6	6	10,000.00	10,000.00
York, Township of	5½	5¾	981.40	1,000.00
York, Township of	6	5¾	4,074.00	4,000.00
East York Township	5	5.10	1,980.00	2,000.00
			$337,036.15	$338,755.45

Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce	$24,794.61	
Less outstanding cheques	3,364.02	
		21,430.59
		$360,186.04

The attached statement of assets shows the amount to the Credit of General Fund on the 31st day of May, 1928, and the sums invested, with the rates of interest. All the Debentures are deposited in the vaults of The Toronto General Trusts Corporation, and are under the care of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary, who, in addition to the vault clerk of The Toronto General Trusts Corporation, hold check keys of the rented box where the Debentures are deposited.

E. T. MALONE,
Grand Treasurer.

Audited, Certified to as being correct.
HARRY F. VIGEON, C.A.
Auditor.

Toronto, June 18th, 1928.

THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

I herewith submit a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Semi-Centennial Fund for the year ended 31st May, 1928.

RECEIPTS

To balance at credit of account in Canadian Bank of Commerce on 31st May, 1927		$ 3,309 .99
Amount received from Grand Secretary during the year ended 31st May, 1928 from lodges		973 .00
Interest on Investments		5,288 .01
Interest on Bank Deposits		132 .01
Debentures Matured—		
Etobicoke	$2,107 .50	
Berlin	106 .47	
Walkerville	639 .13	
Peterboro	1,850 .00	
		4,703 .10
		$14,406 .11

DISBURSEMENTS

Canada Permanent Trust Guaranteed Investment		$2,500.00	
Debentures—			
Township of York City of Toronto		2,718 .56	
Benevolent Orders		5,365 .00	
Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce	$5,387 .55		
Less outstanding cheques	1,565 .00	3,822 .55	
			$14,406 .11

All of which is fraternally submitted,

E. T. MALONE,
Grand Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,

HARRY F. VIGEON, C.A.
Auditor.

Toronto, June 18th, 1928.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND

Statement of Assets as at May 31st, 1928

Securities	Rate of Interest		Cost Value	Face Value
	Bear	Yield		
Dominion of Canada, War Loan	5½	5½	$5,400.00	$5,400.00
Dominion of Canada, War Loan	5½	6¼	837.00	900.00
Toronto General Trusts Corp.	5¼	5¼	5,000.00	5,000.00
Toronto General Trusts Corp.	4¾	4¾	1,000.00	1,000.00
Toronto General Trusts Corp.	5	5	6,235.00	6,235.00
Berlin, Town of	5	4½	118.50	111.80
Barton, Township of	5½	5.20	2,089.20	2,000.00
Canada Permanent Trust Co.	5½	5½	4,000.00	4,000.00
Canada Permanent Trust Co.	5	5	2,500.00	2,500.00
Durham, Town of	5	5½	1,439.71	1,528.43
Galt, Town of	4	5	1,695.60	2,000.00
Hamilton, City of	5½	5.30	1,023.80	1,000.00
Hamilton, City of	6	5.20	1,046.40	1,000.00
Hamilton, City of	6	5.20	1,040.80	1,000.00
Hamilton, City of	6	5.20	1,072.90	1,000.00
Hamilton, City of	5½	5½	1,015.30	1,000.00
Kincardine, Town of	5	4⅞	1,019.60	1,000.00
Lindsay, Town of	6	5.40	1,045.40	1,000.00
N. Vancouver, Dist. of	4½	4¾	2,880.60	3,000.00
National Trust Co.	5½	5½	1,400.00	1,400.00
Owen Sound, City of	5	4½	2,200.80	2,000.00
Owen Sound, City of	5	5.20	1,950.60	2,000.00
Oakville, Town of	5	4¾	4,971.42	4,787.92
Oshawa, Town of	4½	4½	4,316.40	4,316.40
Ontario, Province of	6	5.40	1,606.05	1,500.00
Peterborough, City of	3	4	1,693.20	2,000.00
Peterborough, City of	4½	4½	3,854.72	3,854.72
St. Mary's, Town of	4½	4.80	8,658.63	9,000.00
Sault Ste. Marie, Town of	5	4¾	1,862.64	1,800.00
Shuniah, Municipality of	5	4⅞	1,015.90	1,000.00
Strathroy, Town of	5	5⅞	481.60	565.85
Toronto, City of	5½	6	943.00	1,000.00
Toronto, City of	5	4·95	1,007.50	1,000.00
Windsor, City of	5	6	2,430.70	2,706.65
Windsor, City of	6	5.35	272.82	258.11
Windsor, City of	5	5	7,488.09	7,478.67
York, Township of	6	6½	1,382.41	1,440.72
York, Township of	5½	5	4,130.40	4,000.00
York, Township of	5	5	1,704.18	1,695.75
East York, Township of	5	5.10	9,222.35	9,315.50
Hamilton Mas. Associ.	6	6	100.00	100.00
			$103,153.22	$103,895.52

Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce....	$5,387 .55	
Less outstanding cheques.....	1,565 .00	
		3,822 .55
		$107,718 .07

The attached statement of assets shows the amount to the Credit of Semi-Centennial Fund on 31st day of May, 1928, and the sums invested, with the rates of interest. All the Debentures are deposited in the vaults of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, and are under the care of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary, who, in addition to the vault clerk of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, hold check keys of the rented box where the Debentures are deposited.

E. T. MALONE,
Grand Treasurer.

Audited, Certified to as being correct,
HARRY F. VIGEON, C.A.,
Auditor.

Toronto, June 18th, 1928.

Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

I beg leave to present my annual report, containing an account of all moneys received by me, and paid to the Grand Treasurer, during the year ending the 31st May, 1928.

The following statements are herewith submitted viz.:

A Summary of receipts from various sources on General Account; Details of Receipts on General Account and Ledger Balances as at the 31st May, 1928; a Summary of Receipts for the year; Details of Payments to the Grand Treasurer; a Summary of Expenditure; Details of the Returns of Lodges as at the 31st May, 1928; a Summary of the Receipts and of Payments to the Grand Treasurer on account of the Semi-Centennial Fund; and a Statement of the Receipts and Disbursements on the Semi-Centennial Fund Revenue Account.

Details of Receipts of Grand Lodge on General Account and Ledger Balances, Year ending May 31st, 1927.

No.	Name of Lodge.	Location	Amt.	Balance Dr.	Balance Cr.
2	Niagara	Niagara	200.50		
3	Ancient St.John's	Kingston	463.50	1.00	
5	Sussex	Brockville	451.00	6.00	
6	Barton	Hamilton	401.50	2.20	
7	Union	Grimsby	524.00	11.00	
9	Union	Napanee	272.00	5.00	
10	Norfolk	Simcoe	259.50		2.50
11	Moira	Belleville	476.00	7.00	
14	True Britons	Perth	204.00		
15	St.George's	St.Catharines	391.50	1.00	
16	St.Andrew's	Toronto	610.00	12.50	
17	St.John's	Cobourg	299.50		
18	Prince Edward	Picton	309.50	.60	
20	St.John's	London	496.60	6.00	
21a	St. John's	Vankleek Hill	118.00		
22	King Solomon's	Toronto	479.50	6.00	
23	Richmond	Richmond Hill	144.00	2.00	
24	St. Francis	Smith's Falls	334.50	8.50	
25	Ionic	Toronto	311.00	6.00	
26	Ontario	Port Hope	200.50	3.50	
27	Strict Observance	Hamilton	623.25	3.50	
28	Mount Zion	Kemptville	124.50		
29	United	Brighton	207.50		3.50
30	Composite	Whitby	186.50	7.00	
31	Jerusalem	Bowmanville	334.00		
32	Amity	Dunnville	295.50	1.00	
33	Maitland	Goderich	291.20	2.20	
34	Thistle	Amherstburg	186.00		
35	St. John's	Cayuga	140.20	4.00	
37	King Hiram	Ingersoll	210.00	3.00	
38	Trent	Trenton	354.50		1.00
39	Mount Zion	Brooklin	91.00		
40	St.John's	Hamilton	604.00	4.00	
41	St.George's	Kingsville	324.50	13.30	
42	St.George's	London	385.00	8.00	
43	King Solomon's	Woodstock	458.00	.50	
44	St.Thomas	St.Thomas	566.60		
45	Brant	Brantford	550.60	6.60	
46	Wellington	Chatham	381.70	1.00	
47	Great Western	Windsor	1032.50		
48	Madoc	Madoc	192.50	2.50	
50	Consecon	Consecon	103.50	1.00	
52	Dalhousie	Ottawa	307.50	1.00	
54	Vaughan	Maple	91.00		
55	Merrickville	Merrickville	108.00		
56	Victoria	Sarnia	369.25	6.50	
57	Harmony	Binbrook	191.50	2.00	
58	Doric	Ottawa	477.50		
61	Acacia	Hamilton	968.00	13.20	

62	St.Andrew's	Caledonia	167.30		
63	St.John's	Carleton Place	232.00		
64	Kilwinning	London	538.00	7.25	
65	Rehoboam	Toronto	556.50		
66	Durham	Newcastle	133.00	1.00	
68	St.John's	Ingersoll	176.25	7.00	
69	Stirling	Stirling	147.00	6.00	
72	Alma	Galt	236.00		1.00
73	St. James'	St.Marys	158.00		
74	St. James'	South Augusta	118.50		.50
75	St. John's	Toronto	271.00	5.60	
76	Oxford	Woodstock	356.00	.50	
77	Faithful Brethren	Lindsay	346.00	12.00	
78	King Hiram	Tillsonburg	269.00	7.00	
79	Simcoe	Bradford	131.00	9.50	
81	St.John's	Mount Brydges	114.50	1.00	
82	St. John's	Paris	307.50	8.00	
83	Beaver	Strathroy	211.50	1.00	
84	Clinton	Clinton	182.00	2.00	
85	Rising Sun	Athens	111.50	2.50	
86	Wilson	Toronto	402.00	9.00	
87	Markham Union	Markham	188.50		
88	St. George's	Owen Sound	227.75		
90	Manito	Collingwood	260.00	8.50	
91	Colborne	Colborne	152.50		3.50
92	Cataraqui	Kingston	463.00	7.00	
93	Northern Light	Kincardine	225.00		
94	St. Mark	Port Stanley	112.70		
96	Corinthian	Barrie	481.50	12.50	
97	Sharon	Queensville	129.10		
98	True Blue	Bolton	81.50	2.00	
99	Tuscan	Newmarket	186.50		
100	Valley	Dundas	353.50	3.00	
101	Corinthian	Peterborough	278.50	3.00	
103	Maple Leaf	St. Catharines	436.60		
104	St. John's	Norwich	225.00	5.50	
105	St. Mark's	Niagara Falls	363.00	13.20	
106	Burford	Burford	148.50		
107	St. Paul's	Lambeth	103.50	8.00	
108	Blenheim	Princeton	108.50		
109	Albion	Harrowsmith	197.00	1.25	
110	Central	Prescott	197.00	20.00	
113	Wilson	Waterford	180.70		
114	Hope	Port Hope	266.50		
115	Ivy	Beamsville	241.00	2.00	
116	Cassia	Thedford	90.00		
118	Union	Schomberg	105.50		.50
119	Maple Leaf	Bath	138.50		
120	Warren	Fingal	90.20	3.00	
121	Doric	Brantford	604.50	2.00	
122	Renfrew	Renfrew	189.50		
123	Belleville	Belleville	433.50		4.00
125	Cornwall	Cornwall	217.50	7.00	
126	Golden Rule	Campbellford	274.50	6.50	
127	Franck	Frankford	187.00		
128	Pembroke	Pembroke	219.00		

129	Rising Sun	Aurora	151.50	1.50	
131	St. Lawrence	Southampton	152.25		
133	Lebanon Forest	Exeter	150.50		
135	St. Clair	Milton	181.80	7.50	
136	Richardson	Stouffville	93.50	1.00	
137	Pythagoras	Meaford	161.00		
139	Lebanon	Oshawa	313.50	7.00	
140	Malahide	Aylmer	170.00		1.00
141	Tudor	Mitchell	143.50		.30
142	Excelsior	Morrisburg	110.60	1.00	
143	Friendly Brothers	Iroquois	150.50		
144	Tecumseh	Stratford	420.00	7.00	
145	J. B. Hall	Millbrook	95.00		
146	Prince of Wales	Newburgh	99.00	3.00	
147	Mississippi	Almonte	171.00	6.00	
148	Civil Service	Ottawa	423.50	.30	
149	Erie	Port Dover	215.50	3.00	
151	Grand River	Kitchener	411.50		
153	Burns	Wyoming	154.50		
154	Irving	Lucan	156.00	1.00	
155	Peterborough	Peterborough	372.00	2.00	
156	York	Toronto	465.00	13.00	
157	Simpson	Newboro	87.50		
158	Alexandra	Oil Springs	110.00		
159	Goodwood	Richmond	81.50	3.00	
161	Percy	Warkworth	203.00	3.00	
162	Forest	Wroxeter	79.00		
164	Star in the East	Wellington	131.50	2.50	
165	Burlington	Burlington	290.50		
166	Wentworth	Stoney Creek	337.70	5.50	
168	Merritt	Welland	266.00		
169	Macnab	Port Colborne	202.00	2.00	
170	Britannia	Seaforth	131.00		
171	Prince of Wales	Lawrence St'n	66.00	12.00	
172	Ayr	Ayr	103.50		1.00
174	Walsingham	Port Rowan	154.50		
177	The Builders	Ottawa	531.50	1.00	
178	Plattsville	Plattsville	63.00	2.00	
180	Speed	Guelph	385.20	7.00	
181	Oriental	Port Burwell	88.00	1.00	
184	Old Light	Lucknow	189.50	17.50	
185	Enniskillen	York	75.25		
186	Plantagenet	Riceville	58.50		
190	Belmont	Belmont	115.00	1.00	
192	Orillia	Orillia	467.00	10.50	
193	Scotland	Scotland	145.00	1.00	
194	Petrolia	Petrolia	243.00		
195	Tuscan	London	311.00		
196	Madawaska	Arnprior	168.00		
197	Saugeen	Walkerton	230.00	1.00	
200	St. Alban's	Mount Forest	132.50	2.50	
201	Leeds	Gananoque	281.50		
203	Irvine	Elora	149.20	2 00	
205	New Dominion	New Hamburg	76.00	3.00	
207	Lancaster	Lancaster	109.70		
209a	St. John's	London	545.50	13.60	

209	Evergreen	Lanark	98.50	
215	Lake	Ameliasburg	110.50	3.00
216	Harris	Orangeville	234.00	1.00
217	Frederick	Delhi	95.50	
218	Stevenson	Toronto	331.50	3.50
219	Credit	Georgetown	177.50	1.00
220	Zeredatha	Uxbridge	253.50	
221	Mountain	Thorold	336.00	2.00
222	Marmora	Marmora	157.50	
223	Norwood	Norwood	108.00	
224	Zurich	Hensall	110.50	1.00
225	Bernard	Listowel	276.00	1.80
228	Prince Arthur	Odessa	128.00	
229	Ionic	Brampton	282.50	12.00
230	Kerr	Barrie	330.50	7.00
231	Fidelity	Ottawa	436.00	7.00
232	Cameron	Dutton	129.50	2.00
233	Doric	Parkhill	170.00	.25
234	Beaver	Clarksburg	117.50	1.00
235	Aldworth	Paisley	151.80	
236	Manitoba	Cookstown	143.50	2.00
237	Vienna	Vienna	109.00	
238	Havelock	Watford	138.00	
239	Tweed	Tweed	168.50	2.00
242	Macoy	Mallorytown	141.50	
243	St. George	St. George	88.50	3.00
245	Tecumseh	Thamesville	167.00	
247	Ashlar	Toronto	370.50	
249	Caledonian	Midland	306.00	1.00
250	Thistle	Embro	164.50	7.00
253	Minden	Kingston	418.50	1.00
254	Clifton	Niagara Falls	552.10	5.00
255	Sydenham	Dresden	169.50	
256	Farran's Point	Aultsville	118.00	3.00
257	Galt	Galt	392.50	6.00
258	Guelph	Guelph	368.60	10.00
259	Springfield	Springfield	202.00	
260	Washington	Petrolia	269.30	1.00
261	Oak Branch	Innerkip	64.00	
262	Harriston	Harriston	138.00	
263	Forest	Forest	193.50	1.00
264	Chaudiere	Ottawa	489.00	1.00
265	Patterson	Thornhill	153.00	2.00
266	Northern Light	Stayner	101.50	
267	Parthenon	Chatham	576.00	1.00
268	Verulam	Bobcaygeon	126.80	1.00
269	Brougham Union	Claremont	146.70	
270	Cedar	Oshawa	357.00	6.00
271	Wellington	Erin	111.50	
272	Seymour	Ancaster	235.00	1.50
274	Kent	Blenheim	304.00	12.50
276	Teeswater	Teeswater	98.30	
277	Seymour	Port Dalhousie	150.00	
279	New Hope	Hespeler	144.50	
282	Lorne	Glencoe	150.00	5.00
283	Eureka	Belleville	334.25	

284	St. John's	Brussels	157.00	
285	Seven Star	Alliston	266.50	1.00
286	Wingham	Wingham	239.60	
287	Shuniah	Port Arthur	620.00	8.00
289	Doric	Lobo	142.00	
290	Leamington	Leamington	364.00	6.00
291	Dufferin	West Flamboro..	139.75	1.50
292	Robertson	King	110.00	.50
294	Moore	Courtright	101.50	5.00
295	Conestogo	Drayton	143.50	
296	Temple	St. Catharines	428.20	19.20
297	Preston	Preston	173.00	8.50
299	Victoria	Centreville	88.00	5.00
300	Mount Olivet	Thorndale	89.50	5.00
302	St. David	St. Thomas	576.50	2.00
303	Blyth	Blyth	100.50	3.00
304	Minerva	Stroud	213.00	
305	Humber	Weston	268.70	1.00
306	Durham	Durham	158.50	
307	Arkona	Arkona	120.00	
309	Morning Star	Carlow	110.00	
311	Blackwood	Woodbridge	102.50	
312	Pnyx	Wallaceburg	241.00	
313	Clementi	Lakefield	156.00	
314	Blair	Palmerston	193.50	6.00
315	Clifford	Clifford	84.00	
316	Doric	Toronto	209.00	220.50
318	Wilmot	Baden	41.00	
319	Hiram	Hagersville	234.50	
320	Chesterville	Chesterville	124.00	
321	Walker	Acton	150.00	7.00
322	North Star	Owen Sound	313.00	2.50
323	Alvinston	Alvinston	100.00	2.50
324	Temple	Hamilton	345.50	278.50
325	Orono	Orono	82.00	1.00
326	Zetland	Toronto	634.00	6.25
327	Hammond	Wardsville	72.00	
328	Ionic	Napier	69.50	
329	King Solomon	Jarvis	102.50	
330	Corinthian	London	371.00	
331	Fordwich	Fordwich	94.00	3.50
332	Stratford	Stratford	317.50	6.00
333	Prince Arthur	Flesherton	167.00	1.80
334	Prince Arthur	Arthur	80.00	4.00
336	Highgate	Highgate	133.50	
337	Myrtle	Port Robinson	109.50	
338	Dufferin	Wellandport	114.00	
339	Orient	Toronto	527.50	17.50
341	Bruce	Tiverton	97.00	
343	Georgina	Toronto	579.00	4.00
344	Merrill	Dorchester St'n.	106.50	
345	Nilestown	Nilestown	135.00	
346	Occident	Toronto	494.50	.50
347	Mercer	Fergus	133.75	4.00
348	Georgian	Penetanguishene	140.50	
352	Granite	Parry Sound	358.00	13.50

354	Brock	Cannington	115.50		
356	River Park	Streetsville	148.50	1.00	
357	Waterdown	Millgrove	231.00	4.00	
358	Delaware Valley	Delaware	99.20	3.50	
359	Vittoria	Vittoria	102.00	3.00	
360	Muskoka	Bracebridge	150.50		
361	Waverly	Guelph	529.50	6.00	
362	Maple Leaf	Tara	83.50	1.00	
364	Dufferin	Melbourne	90.60		
367	St. George	Toronto	442.25	14.50	
368	Salem	Brockville	326.00		
369	Mimico	Lambton Mills	311.50		
370	Harmony	Delta	134.50	1.50	
371	Prince of Wales	Ottawa	376.00	1.00	
372	Palmer	Bridgeburg	238.25	9.00	
373	Copestone	Welland	283.50	.50	
374	Keene	Keene	47.50	1.00	
375	Lorne	Omemee	125.00	1.00	
376	Unity	Huntsville	208.80	7.00	
377	Lorne	Shelburne	141.00		
378	King Solomon's	London	537.50		
379	Middlesex	Bryanston	73.50		.50
380	Union	London	451.10		
382	Doric	Hamilton	643.60	5.60	
383	Henderson	Winchester	147.50	6.00	
384	Alpha	Toronto	692.00		
385	Spry	Beeton	109.00		
386	McColl	West Lorne	213.00		
387	Lansdowne	Lansdowne	102.00	6.00	
388	Henderson	Ilderton	140.00		
389	Crystal Fountain	North Augusta	93.50		
390	Florence	Florence	111.00		.50
391	Howard	Ridgetown	224.50	6.00	
392	Huron	Camlachie	115.50		
393	Forest	Chesley	136.00	2.00	
394	King Solomon	Thamesford	128.00		
395	Parvaim	Comber	92.00		
396	Cedar	Wiarton	184.00		
397	Leopold	Brigden	162.50		
398	Victoria	Kirkfield	119.50		
399	Moffatt	Harrietsville	86.00		.50
400	Oakville	Oakville	271.00	11.00	
401	Craig	Deseronto	138.50		
402	Central	Essex	211.00		
403	Windsor	Windsor	724.50	15.20	
404	Lorne	Tamworth	74.00		
405	Mattawa	Mattawa	105.50		
406	Spry	Fenelon Falls	128.00		
408	Murray	Beaverton	164.00	1.20	
409	Golden Rule	Gravenhurst	158.00	.50	
410	Zeta	Toronto	533.00	3.00	
411	Rodney	Rodney	181.20		.50
412	Keystone	Sault Ste.Marie	687.50	1.00	
413	Naphtali	Tilbury	134.00		
414	Pequonga	Kenora	313.75	4.25	
415	Fort William	Fort William	466.00	1.00	

416	Lyn	Lyn	69.00		
417	Keewatin	Keewatin	124.00	8.50	
418	Maxville	Maxville	128.50		
419	Liberty	Sarnia	210.70	1.00	
420	Nipissing	North Bay	403.50	1.00	
421	Scott	Grand Valley	106.00		3.00
422	Star of the East	Bothwell	116.00		
423	Strong	Sundridge	124.20		
424	Doric	Pickering	105.50		
425	St. Clair	Sombra	117.00		
426	Stanley	Toronto	514.50	6.50	
427	Nickel	Sudbury	347.70	3.00	
428	Fidelity	Port Perry	188.10		
429	Port Elgin	Port Elgin	107.00		
430	Acacia	Toronto	610.00	2.00	
431	Moravian	Cargill	63.50		
432	Hanover	Hanover	134.00		
433	Bonnechere	Eganville	144.00	6.00	
434	Algonquin	Emsdale	144.50		
435	Havelock	Havelock	229.00		18.50
436	Burns	Hepworth	137.50		
437	Tuscan	Sarnia	532.50	6.60	
438	Harmony	Toronto	480.50	12.00	
439	Alexandria	Alexandria	104.10		
440	Arcadia	Minden	123.00		
441	Westport	Westport	99.50	5.50	
442	Dyment	Thessalon	129.50		
443	Powassan	Powassan	150.50		
444	Nitetis	Creemore	115.50	4.00	
445	Lake of the Woods	Kenora	128.50	13.50	
446	Granite	Fort Francis	311.20		
447	Sturgeon Falls	Sturgeon Falls	107.00	9.00	
448	Xenophon	Wheatley	120.00		
449	Dundalk	Dundalk	134.00	.50	
450	Hawkesbury	Hawkesbury	150.50		
451	Somerville	Kinmount	83.00		
452	Avonmore	Avonmore	112.50	2.50	
453	Royal	Fort William	256.50	4.00	
454	Corona	Burk's Falls	146.20	3.50	
455	Doric	Little Current	111.50		
456	Elma	Monkton	66 50		
457	Century	Merlin	155 50		.50
458	Wales	Wales	121.50		
459	Cobden	Cobden	156.50	7.00	
460	Rideau	Seeley's Bay	95.50	2.50	
461	Ionic	Rainy River	152.00	1.00	
462	Temiskaming	New Liskeard	195.00		
463	North Entrance	Haliburton	102.50	1.00	
464	King Edward	Sunderland	117.50		
465	Carleton	Carp	81.00	2.00	
466	Coronation	Elmvale	142.00		
467	Tottenham	Tottenham	87.00		
468	Peel	Caledon East	149.50		
469	Algoma	Sault Ste. Marie	327.00	7.00	
470	Victoria	Victoria Harbour	144.00	1.00	
471	King Edward VII	Chippawa	160.50	3.50	

472	Gore Bay	Gore Bay	167.50	.50	
473	The Beaches	Toronto	339.50		
474	Victoria	Toronto	451.50	1.00	
475	Dundurn	Hamilton	651.10	7.00	
476	Corinthian	North Gower	98.50		
477	Harding	Woodville	96.00		
478	Milverton	Milverton	102.50	3.00	
479	Russell	Russell	169.50		
480	Williamsburg	Williamsburg	63.50		.50
481	Corinthian	Toronto	371.00	8.00	
482	Bancroft	Bancroft	237.50		
483	Granton	Granton	112.50	2.00	
484	Golden Star	Dryden	158.00		
485	Haileybury	Haileybury	224.50	6.00	
486	Sever	Cobalt	506.50		
487	Penewobikong	Blind River	100.50	4.00	
488	King Edward	Harrow	166.50	6.50	
489	Osiris	Smith's Falls	183.00	3.50	
490	Hiram	Markdale	81.50	1.00	
491	Cardinal	Cardinal	101.50		
492	Karnak	Coldwater	126.10		
493	St. Marys	St. Marys	177.00		
494	Riverdale	Toronto	476.75		
495	Electric	Hamilton	652.00	8.20	
496	University	Toronto	532.50	14.00	
497	St. Andrew's	Arden	143.50		
498	King George V	Coboconk	105.50		
499	Port Arthur	Port Arthur	376.50	8.00	
500	Rose	Windsor	227.50	3.00	
501	Connaught	Mimico	289.30	12.20	
502	Coronation	Smithville	145.10	6.00	
503	Inwood	Inwood	173.50	1.00	
504	Otter	Lombardy	58.00		
505	Lynden	Lynden	136.50	3.00	
506	Porcupine	Porcupine	217.50	1.00	
507	Elk Lake	Elk Lake	117.00		
508	Ozias	Brantford	271.00		
509	Twin City	Kitchener	279.00	6.00	
510	Parkdale	Toronto	352.70	5.50	
511	Connaught	W.Fort William	164.00	11.00	
512	Malone	Sutton	148.00		
513	Corinthian	Hamilton	678.00	11.60	
514	St. Alban's	Toronto	396.00	7.00	
515	Reba	Brantford	283.00		
516	Enterprise	Beachburg	113.20		
517	Hazeldean	Hazeldean	77.00	1.00	
518	Sioux Lookout	Sioux Lookout	191.50	1.00	
519	Onondaga	Onondaga	87.50	4.00	
520	Coronati	Toronto	434.50	7.00	
521	Ontario	Windsor	595.50	27.00	
522	Mount Sinai	Toronto	476.00	24.50	
523	Royal Arthur	Peterborough	209.50	2.00	
524	Mississauga	Port Credit	222.35	1.50	
525	Temple	Toronto	413.00	9.20	
526	Ionic	Westboro	247.00		
527	Espanola	Espanola	111.50	2.00	

528	Golden Beaver	Timmins	237.70	10.50	
529	Myra	Komoka	75.00		
530	Cochrane	Cochrane	215.00	1.00	
531	High Park	Toronto	703.25	13.50	
532	Canada	Toronto	427.50	1.00	
533	Shamrock	Toronto	337.50	2.00	
534	Englehart	Englehart	153.50		
535	Phoenix	Fonthill	112.00	7.20	
536	Algonquin	Copper Cliff	148.50		
537	Ulster	Toronto	815.50		.50
538	Earl Kitchener	Port McNicoll	70.50	1.00	
539	Waterloo	Waterloo	146.10		
540	Abitibi	Iroquois Falls	162.30	8.00	
541	Tuscan	Toronto	522.00	1.00	
542	Metropolitan	Toronto	213.00	3.00	
543	Imperial	Toronto	329.20	2.00	
544	Lincoln	Abingdon	87.00	1.00	
545	John Ross Robertson	Toronto	407.50	3.00	
546	Talbot	St. Thomas	298.00	11.00	
547	Victory	Toronto	39.00		
548	General Mercer	Toronto	353.00	14.50	
549	Ionic	Hamilton	325.00	7.50	
550	Buchanan	Hamilton	200.00	107.00	
551	Tuscan	Hamilton	463.50	1.50	
552	Queen City	Toronto	387.20	8.00	
553	Oakwood	Toronto	307.50	7.00	
554	Border Cities	Windsor	388.00	1.00	
555	Wardrope	Hamilton	453.00	10.00	
556	Nation	Spencerville	97.50	.50	
557	Finch	Finch	112.50	1.50	
558	Sidney Albert Luke	Ottawa	177.00	7.00	
559	Palestine	Toronto	141.50	2.00	
560	St. Andrew's	Ottawa	225.10	7.00	
561	Acacia	Westboro	171.00	1.50	
562	Hamilton	Hamilton	454.50	14.00	
563	Victory	Chatham	364.50	7.00	
564	Ashlar	Ottawa	210.50	1.00	
565	Kilwinning	Toronto	643.00	4.00	
566	King Hiram	Toronto	205.55	7.00	
567	St. Aidan's	Toronto	97.00		
568	Hullett	Londesboro	57.50		
569	Doric	Lakeside	70.70		
570	Dufferin	Toronto	312.60	15.00	
571	Antiquity	Toronto	251.00	12.00	
572	Mizpah	Toronto	418.50	11.00	
573	Adoniram	Niagara Falls	281.50	8.00	
574	Craig	Ailsa Craig	91.50		.50
575	Fidelity	Toronto	269.00	7.00	
576	Mimosa	Toronto	206.00	1.00	
577	St. Clair	Toronto	319.00	1.00	
578	Queen's	Kingston	231.50	7.00	
579	Harmony	Windsor	290.70	13.00	
580	Acacia	London	327.60	8.00	
581	Harcourt	Toronto	76.00		
582	Sunnyside	Toronto	401.00	14.50	
583	Transportation	Toronto	345.50	12.50	

584	Kaministiquia	Fort William	141.00	8.00	
585	Royal Edward	Kingston	129.50		
586	War Veterans	Toronto	271.50	10.20	
587	Patricia	Toronto	233.60	4.00	
588	National	Capreol	140.50		
589	Grey	Toronto	203.00	6.00	
590	Defenders	Ottawa	151.60	2.50	
591	North Gate	Toronto	291.50	2.00	
592	Fairbank	Toronto	172.00	2.00	
593	St. Andrews	Hamilton	565.00	8.00	
594	Hillcrest	Hamilton	235.00	6.00	
595	Rideau	Ottawa	153.50		
596	Martintown	Martintown	35.00	1.00	
597	Temple	London	164.50	6.50	
598	Dominion	Windsor	318.50	1.00	
599	Mount Dennis	Weston	184.00		
600	Maple Leaf	Toronto	197.50	1.50	
601	St. Paul	Sarnia	200.00	7.00	
602	Hugh Murray	Hamilton	253.25	8.00	
603	Campbell	Campbellville	99.00		
604	Palace	Windsor	191.50		1.45
605	Melita	Toronto	158.00	8.00	
606	Unity	Toronto	161.00	7.00	
607	Golden Fleece	Toronto	130.50	4.00	
608	Gothic	Lindsay	99.00		
609	Tavistock	Tavistock	60.00		
610	Ashlar	Byron	118.00	5.50	
611	Huron-Bruce	Toronto	199.50	3.00	
612	Birch Cliffe	Birch Cliffe	232.20	1.00	
613	Fort Erie	Fort Erie	100.00		
614	Adanac	Merritton	104.00	3.00	
615	Dominion	Ridgeway	105.25	1.00	
616	Perfection	St. Catharines	98.50	6.00	
617	North Bay	North Bay	90.50		
618	Thunder Bay	Port Arthur	113.00	3.00	
619	Runnymede	Toronto	219.50	12.50	
620	Bay of Quinte	Toronto	235.00	7.00	
621	Frontenac	Sharbot Lake	53.00		
622	Lorne	Chapleau	88.50	4.00	
623	Doric	Kirkland Lake	184.50	1.00	
624	Dereham	Mt. Elgin	78.50	1.00	
625	Hatherly	Sault Ste. Marie	59.10		
626	Stamford	South End	82.00	1.00	
627	Pelee	Scudder	95.50	2.00	
628	Glenrose	Elmira	51.00	1.00	
629	Grenville	Toronto	264.50	8.00	
630	Prince of Wales	Toronto	146.00	7.00	
631	Manitou	Emo	101.10		
632	Long Branch	Mimico	120.50		5.90
633	Hastings	Hastings	84.50		
634	Delta	Toronto	245.00		
635	Wellington	Toronto	188.00	1.00	
636	Hornepayne	Hornepayne	135.00		
637	Caledonia	Toronto	313.00	35.00	
638	Bedford	Toronto	190.50	7.00	
639	Beach	Burlington Beach	118.50	7.00	

640	Anthony Sayer	Mimico	51.00	2.00
641	Garden	Windsor	88.50	17.50
642	St. Andrews	Windsor	153.10	2.00
643	Cathedral	Toronto	176.25	7.00
644	Simcoe	Toronto	287.00	8.00
645	Lake Shore	Mimico	182.50	2.00
U.D.	Rowland	Mt. Albert	40.00	
U.D.	Todmorden	Todmorden		27.00
U.D.	Spruce Falls	Kapuskasing	20.00	20.50
U.D.	Temple	Oshawa	20.00	6.00

	$128,106.75
Sundries	1,039.50
Interest	19,026.38
Debentures matured	5,538.12
Refund Grand Lodge Expenses, 1928	35.70
Refund Printing	85.35
	$153,831.80

GENERAL ACCOUNT

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Year ended May 31st, 1928

Fees, Registration of Initiations		$ 13,656 .00
Fees, Registration of Affiliations		547 .50
Dues		104,301 .50
Certificates		77 .00
Constitutions		2,250 .50
Ceremonies		182 .15
Dispensations		1,038 .00
Commutations of Dues		5,808 .00
Warrants		80 .00
Musical Rituals		80 .50
Miscellaneous		1,125 .10
Refund Grand Lodge Expenses, Guelph, 1927		35 .70
Refund Printing Proceedings		85 .35
		$129,267 .30
Interest on Debentures and Bank Account—		
Dominion of Canada War Loans	$3,052 .50	
Landed Banking and Loan Company	262 .50	
Toronto General Trusts Corporation	1,902 .50	
Township of Barton	275 .00	
City of Brandon	100 .00	
City of Brantford	545 .00	
Canada Permanent Trust	908 .83	
Dominion of Canada, C.N. Equipment	75 .00	
City of Hamilton	479 .00	
Town of Kincardine	25 .00	
Province of Manitoba	385 .00	
City of New Westminster	500 .00	
National Trust Company	550 .00	
County of Oxford	75 .48	
Province of Ontario	3,300 .00	
City of Peterborough	230 .46	
City of Port Arthur	50 .00	
City of Strathcona	225 .82	
City of St. Thomas	485 .95	
City of Stratford	45 .00	
Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry	978 .72	
Township of Sandwich East	110 .00	
City of Toronto	1,840 .32	
City of Woodstock	275 .00	
City of Windsor	500 .00	
Township of York	895 .00	
Township of East York	100 .00	
Bank Interest	854 .30	
		19,026 .38
Total Revenue General Account		$148,293 .68
Debentures Matured and Paid—		
City of St. Thomas	$1,538 .12	
Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry	4,000 .00	5,538 .12
		$153,831 .80

GENERAL ACCOUNT

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

Year ended May 31st, 1928

E. T. Malone, Grand Treasurer's Clerk, salary to 31st March, 1928	$400.00	
H. F. Vigeon, Auditor, salary to 31st, March, 1928	600.00	
W. M. Logan, Grand Secretary, salary to 31st May, 1928	6,000.00	
W. J. Attig, Chief Clerk, salary to 31st, May, 1928	3,000.00	
J. Place, Stenographer, salary to 31st, May 1928	2,000.00	
F. J. Brown, Clerk, salary to 31st, May 1928	1,800.00	
Incidentals Expenses, Grand Secretary's Office	1,500.00	
Printing, Stationery, etc.	683.83	
Special Printing	1,995.76	
Ceremonies	47.65	
Certificates and Warrants	757.49	
Proceedings, 1927	2,897.92	
Musical Rituals	515.00	
Telephone Services	86.40	
Insurance on Fruniture, etc. and Bond Premiums	184.00	
Safety Deposit Box Rental	40.00	
Office Rent	1,000.00	
Postage on Proceedings	235.00	
Postage Chairman of Committees	40.00	
Committee on Fraternal Correspondence	400.00	
Allowance to Grand Master, 1927-1928	1,500.00	
Stenographer for Grand Master	300.00	
Allowance to Deputy Grand Master	250.00	
Memorial Tributes	70.00	
Expenses Grand Lodge, Guelph, 1927	2,615.47	
Portraits and Framing	25.00	
Honorary Presentation Jewels	232.81	
Special Commissions	52.65	
Repairs to Regalia and Typewriter	85.82	
Testimonial to M.W. Bro. J. A. Rowland	500.00	
U.S. and Canada Masonic Relief Association	548.34	
		$ 30,363.14
Queen Alexandra National Memorial	$1,000.00	
Inspector of Benevolence J. B. Nixon	1,200.00	
Supervisor of Benevolence Thos. Rowe	3,000.00	

Supervisor of Benevolence Travelling Expenses and Stenographer	600 .84	
Inspector of Benevolence Travelling Expenses Annual Meeting U.S. and Canada Masonic Relief Association	75 .00	
		5,875 .84
		$36,238 .98
Debentures purchased		14,163 .97
Benevolent Grants		101,735 .00
		$152,137 .95

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND

Summary of Receipts for the year ending May 31st, 1928

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Additional contributions from Lodges and Districts.		
Faithful Brethren Lodge No. 77, Lindsay..	3 .00	
Shuniah Lodge No. 287, Port Arthur	5 .00	
Zeta Lodge No. 410, Toronto	90 .00	
Nickel Lodge No. 427, Sudbury	100 .00	
Kilwinning Lodge No. 565, Toronto	200 .00	
Runnymede Lodge No. 619, Toronto	100 .00	
Georgian District	125 .00	
Prince Edward District	350 .00	
		$973 .00

Debentures matured—		
City of Berlin	106 .47	
City of Peterborough	1,850 .00	
Town of Walkerville	639 .13	
Township of Etobicoke	2,107 .50	
		4,703 .10

REVENUE ACCOUNT

Interest on Investments and Bank Account as per Detailed Statement	5,420 .02
	$11,096 .12

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND

Revenue Account year ended May 31st, 1928

DETAILS OF RECEIPTS

Dominion of Canada, War Loans	346 .50	
Toronto General Trusts Corporation	629 .25	
Town of Berlin	10 .91	
Township of Barton	110 .00	
Canada Permanent Trust Company	280 .96	
Town of Durham	76 .42	
Township of Etobicoke	136 .99	
Town of Galt	80 .00	
City of Hamilton	290 .00	
Town of Kincardine	50 .00	
City of Lindsay	60 .00	
District of North Vancouver	135 .00	
National Trust Company	77 .00	
Town of Owen Sound	200 .00	
Town of Oakville	239 .37	
Town of Oshawa	194 .24	
Province of Ontario	90 .00	
City of Peterborough	321 .34	
Town of St. Marys	405 .00	
City of Sault Ste. Marie	90 .00	
Municipality of Shuniah	50 .00	
Town of Strathroy	28 .29	
City of Toronto	55 .00	
Town of Walkerville	28 .76	
City of Windsor	524 .78	
Township of York	306 .44	
Township of East York	465 .76	
Hamilton Masonic Hall Association	6 .00	
Bank Interest	132 .01	
		$5,420 .02

All of which is fraternally submitted,

W. M. Logan

Grand Secretary.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

I beg to report that I have completed the audit of the Accounts of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, for the year ended 31st May, 1928, and submit for your approval the following statements:—

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, General Account.

Detail List of all Disbursements from General Account.

Schedule of Assets, General Account, as of 31st May, 1928.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, Semi-Centennial Fund.

Schedule of Assets, Semi-Centennial Fund, as of 31st May, 1928.

I have verified all Cash Receipts and Disbursements during the year with the Bank Vouchers and Statements, and did personally inspect and examine all Securities covering the Investments of General Fund and Semi-Centennial Fund, at the close of 31st May, 1928.

In accordance therewith, I have attached my Certificate to the Statements aforementioned.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

HARRY F. VIGEON,
Auditor.

Toronto, June 18th, 1928.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and Resolved: That the reports of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

The Grand Secretary presented the reports of the District Grand Masters, which, on motion of the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Secretary were received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters

ALGOMA DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

In submitting my report of the condition of Masonry in Algoma District, I wish to first of all thank the brethren of the District for their kindness in electing me to this honourable position and to assure them of my deep and sincere appreciation.

My first official act was to appoint Wor Bro. Harry Faulkner, of Kaministiquia Lodge No. 584, District Secretary.

On Sept. 3rd, 1927, I was officially installed as D.D.G.M. at my Mother Lodge, Connaught, No. 511, by Rt. Wor. Bro. A. R. Mills, P.D.D.G.M.

On Oct. 17th, 1927, I paid my official visit to my Mother Lodge, Connaught and was ably assisted by Rt. Wor. Bro. Milton Francis, P.D.D.G.M. who gave a splendid address on "Civic Affairs." I am well acquainted with the ability of Connaught Lodge officers and, therefore, did not have any degree work that night. The officers and members are an enthusiastic body of Masons and sincerely endeavour to carry out Masonic principles in every day life.

On Dec. 12th, I visited Kaministiquia Lodge and witnessed a rather unique ceremony. The Wor. Master, F. J. Rathbone, had the pleasure of raising

to the 3rd degree his father, Fred Rathbone. We have instances of the father making a Mason of his son but not often of the son doing this for the father.

On Dec. 27th, 1927, I attended a Joint Installation of the officers of Fort William Lodge, Connaught and Kaministiquia. I also attended the installation of the officers of Port Arthur and Thunder Bay Lodge, and my secretary represented me at the Installation of Shuniah Lodge.

On Jan. 24th, 1928, I attended the 26th Anniversary meeting of the Royal Lodge No. 453. The business of the lodge was conducted for this night by members of 25 years or more standing in Royal Lodge. A feature of the evening was the presentation of life membership certificates to those members who had paid dues for 25 years and were 60 years of age or over.

Jan. 11th, was the date of my official visit to Fort William Lodge No. 415, also the first meeting of the newly installed Master, Wor. Bro. E. Hewitt, and his officers. Fort William Lodge is the oldest Lodge in Fort William being dedicated in 1888, and I found the Wor. Master and his officers well skilled in performing the work. The lodge is fortunate in having a very good secretary, V.W. Bro. C. E. Coombes, who has officiated many years in that capacity. There was practical evidence of the virility of the lodge in the very large attendance and also the fact that there were five applicants for membership balloted on this evening. I found all records well kept and every evidence of a well conducted lodge.

Jan. 23rd, was the date of my official visit to Kaministiquia Lodge No. 584, and I saw the initiatory degree exemplified on a candidate by the officers of the lodge and am pleased to say the work was well and truly done. Wor. Bro. M. F. Beyers has got a splendid set of officers and is fortunate in having as secretary, V. Wor. Bro. S. C. Read. This worthy brother has been secretary since the lodge was formed

I found the records very well kept and the lodge is progressing splendidly and has been indeed fortunate in selecting its members.

Feb. 1st, 1928. Official visit to Royal Lodge, Fort William No. 453. My visit to this, the second oldest lodge in Fort William, was very interesting as there were a very large number of the Past Masters of Port Arthur and Fort William there. Wor. Bro. R. H. Neeland, the Master of Royal Lodge has a splendid set of officers, all working in co-operation with him, thus making a very live and well conducted lodge. I saw the initiatory degree very ably exemplified and found the lodge in a healthy sound condition. The secretary, Rt. Wor. Bro. F. C. Perry P.G.S.W. has been the secretary since its first meeting and is held in very high esteem by the officers and members for his services.

Feb. 6th. On this date I paid my official visit to Sioux Lookout Lodge No. 578 at Sioux Lookout. W. Bro. Geo. Yorko and his officers exemplified the second degree on a candidate and I was particularly pleased with the efficiency of the Master and his wardens in the manner the degree was worked. I feel assured the lodge will be well governed for some time due to the high quality of the officers now in charge. The lodge is fortunate in having the services of P.D.D.G.M. W. Green and V.W. Bro. W. T. Cameron, who as members of the lodge are most zealous workers. My visit was very enjoyable and I feel assured that the lodge will prosper. V.W. Bro. Cameron makes an efficient secretary and the records are well kept. I also had the pleasure of presenting on behalf of the lodge a P.M. Jewel to the I.P.M. Wor. Bro. Beath.

Feb. 7th. Dryden, Golden Star: The W. Master H. Wilde and his officers held an emergent meeting on this date to receive me on my official visit. At the outset I cannot but thank the officers and members of Golden Star Lodge for their kindness and courtesy extended to me on this occasion. They had arranged

for a conveyance to meet me at Richam, a station on the Canadian National Railway, and I was driven 16 miles to Dryden, thus enabling me to be there in ample time for the meeting. This was very much appreciated by me and I would be remiss if I do not mention the kind consideration on their part. I was well received at the lodge by W. Bro. H. Wilde and his officers and found him and his officers well skilled in the work. Golden Star Lodge have a very fine Masonic Hall and there is every appearance of a well-conducted and healthy lodge. The lodge is fortunate in having the services of a large number of its Past Masters, who take a very live interest in the Masonic work. W. Bro. A. E. Berry the secretary has all his books and records in first class shape. Rt. Wor. Bro. A. A. Taylor, P.D.D.G.M. still takes a great interest in the working of the lodge and certainly acts as a guide and mentor to the new officers. Altogether I found and appreciated a well kept virile body of Masons in Golden Star Lodge No. 484 at Dryden and will always carry pleasant memories of their kindness to me during my official visit.

Feb. 13th. On this date I paid an official visit to Port Arthur Lodge No. 499, G.R.C., Port Arthur Ont. Wor. Bro. S. H. Green on behalf of the lodge made me very welcome and I found here a very competent set of officers with the added incentive of a large number of the brethren to support the officers at the meeting. The work was exceedingly well done by the Master and his officers and there is every reason to look forward to years of prosperity and enthusiasm in this lodge. Rt. Wor. Bro. A. Rome, as secretary, performs his duty very conscientiously and Port Arthur Lodge is indeed fortunate to have the benefit of his services. The Past Masters' Association of Fort William and Port Arthur also paid a visit on this night and the speaker for them, Rev. Bro. McIvor, gave a very fine address on Masonic Sick Visitations. This address was very instructive and appreciated by all present. I thoroughly enjoyed my visit and feel sure that Masonry will always progress whilst it lives in such an atmosphere as prevailed in Port Arthur Lodge No. 499.

March 28th. On this date I paid my official visit to Shuniah Lodge, A.F. & A.M., No. 287, G.R.C. The Wor. Master, R. C. Addison, has with him a splendid set of officers well befitting the status of Shuniah Lodge, the oldest lodge in the district. All the officers are well skilled in the work and have the co-operation of a large membership. V.W. Bro. A. P. Freed, the secretary, has all the books and records in fine shape and is certainly a most efficient secretary. Shuniah Lodge is fortunate in having such a capable officer. The Past Masters' Association of Port Arthur and Fort William were in attendance at this meeting, there being fifty Past Masters at the meeting and over 200 hundred members of Shuniah Lodge. Altogether it was a most inspiring meeting. I cannot but feel gratification that the district has such a thoroughly Masonic Lodge showing the way to all lodges in the district. R.W. Bro. Geo. Coo, gave on behalf of the Past Masters a splendid address, well thought and of great Masonic value. I cannot let this report go in without mentioning the fact of a personal touch which was given to the meeting, in that R.W. Bro. F. B. Allen after a fine address in support of my official position, presented to me for Mrs. Evans my wife, a beautiful bouquet of roses. This meeting throughout was most inspiring and will long remain a pleasant memory of Masonic goodfellowship.

March 13th. I paid my official visit on this date to Kewatin Lodge No. 417. The officers are a well skilled body of Masons and I was particularly impressed with the number of Past Masters of this lodge who attended the meeting and took part in the ceremoney of raising a candidate to the 3rd degree. It is certainly evident that Masonry is strong and virile in Keewatin. I also wish to acknowledge the courtesy of the Master and his brethren to me during my visit. I cannot speak too highly of this practical side of Masonic brotherhood. The brethren all seem keenly desirous of maintaing a high standard of Masonic duty as befits so mature a lodge. There is every evidence of an adherence to the Ancient Land Marks and customs of the order in Keewatin Lodge No. 417. The books and records I found well and truly kept by the secretary, Bro. Percy E. Baker.

On March 14th I attended officially a joint meeting of the Lake of the Woods Lodge No. 445 and Pequonga Lodge No. 414, at the Masonic Hall in Kenora. It was very kind and thoughtful of the officers and brethren of these lodges to make it possible for me to visit them on the joint meeting and I wish to take this opportunity of again expressing my sincere thanks for their courtesy in this matter. It was particularly refreshing to find the brethren so harmoniously working together, and there is every evidence that these two lodges are entirely sympathetic one to another. The work is splendidly done by both sets of officers and the initiation ceremony very well performed. There was evidenced a sincere wish to acquire Masonic information and stand true to the Ancient Landmarks of the order. Masonry is certainly well ordered and kept in Kenora and Keewatin and my visit there will long be cherished for the many acts of kind thoughtfulness extended to me during my stay there. I was particularly moved by the remembrance of my birthday which happened to be on the night of the meeting, and the brethren had prepared a fine birthday cake in my honour. One cannot forget these evidences of goodwill and fellowship and my term of office as D.D.G.M. will long be remembered by me. The lodge had a very efficient secretary whose ambition it is to see that all books and records are well kept.

April 5th. On this date I made an official visit to Thunder Bay Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 118 G.R.C. Port Arthur. The Wor. Master, D. J. Cowan on behalf of the officers and members cordially received me. The lodge is particularly fortunate in the high quality of its officers; whilst it is the youngest lodge at the head of the lakes the quality of the work will compare very favourably with any of the older lodges. The occasion of my visit coincided with a visit from the Past Masters' Association and a very interesting address was given to the members of the lodge by W. Bro. Hartley his subject being "Egypt". The lodge had a very large atendance of its members which spoke very well for the well-being of Masonry so far as Thunder Bay Lodge was concerned and bore

evidence of the part that this new lodge was worthily upholding Masonic influence at the head of the lakes.

April 17th. On this date I paid my official visit to Granite Lodge No. 446, Fort Frances. W. Bro. Marsh and his officers very cordially received me and I had the pleasure of seeing them initiate a candidate. It was indeed gratifying to see the work so very ably performed. The candidate could not but be impressed with the dignity of our order and the manner in which the degree was put on by the W. Master and his officers. Every portion of the work was ably performed. Granite Lodge is fortunate in having a splendid lodge room and the quality of its officers is in keeping with the beauty of the lodge room and its equipment. Here, also, I found the books and records of the lodge splendidly kept by their very efficient secretary Bro. J. R. Angus, who is a distinct asset to the lodge and Masonry in General.

April 15th, 1928. On this date I made my official visit to Ionic Lodge No. 461, Rainy River. An emergent meeting was kindly arranged by the W. Master for the occasion. Unfortunately for the brethren the weather was very bad, there being a snow storm raging all day and this prevented many of the brethren from the surrounding district from being present. However, we found Ionic Lodge members residing in Rainy River braved the weather and there was a fair attendance taking into consideration the weather conditions. No degree work was done as there was no available candidate. The lodge was opened with the various degrees which was done very satisfactorily. Ionic Lodge has a good set of officers, well built up with Past Masters. The lodge is indeed fortunate in having as secretary R.W. Bro. A. R. Nash, who comes from Alberta and has only been resident at Rainy River District a little over a year. He has added great strength to the lodge. After the lodge was closed the brethren were entertained at a banquet splendidly provided by the Women's Institute of Rainy River, in the basement of the United Church.

April 19th. I paid my official visit to Manitou Lodge No. 631, Emo. on this date. The Wor. Master

and officers gave a splendid exemplification of the Initiatory degree on a candidate this evening. I speak very well indeed for the zeal and enthusiasm of the officers and members of this, the baby lodge of the district, to find them so well skilled. During the evening, I was asked to present, on behalf of the lodge, a P.M. jewel to Wor. Bro. Lyons, the P.M. I feel sure Manitou Lodge will be a credit to the district and that the lodge will continue to progress. The books and records are very ably kept by their efficient secretary, Bro. E. T. McComb.

In conclusion I want to thank the Past Masters Association of Fort William and Port Arthur for their assistance and particularly Wor. Bro. H. Faulkner, for his kindness in leaving his own duties and going with me on all my visits to the lodges. I will always remember with gratitude the many kindnesses given to me and Wor. Bro. H. Faulkner on my visits to the different lodges, and bespeak for my successor the same consideration and loyal support. May harmony and prosperity continue throughout the district.

Fraternally submitted,

A. B. EVANS,

D.D.G.M. Algoma District.

BRANT DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honour of submitting for your consideration my report of Brant District for the Masonic year 1927-1928.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. F. S. Kent as District Secretary and Bro. (Rev.) D. A. Cowan as District Chaplain, W. Bro. Kent has attended every meeting and the District Chaplain several.

Many members of my own lodge accompanied us on our visits and for their loyal support and enthusiasm I am grateful. While I thank all for their many kindnesses to me personally, I desire to record appreciation of the able assistance and kind co-operation of the District Secretary, W. Bro. F. S. Kent, whose services during the year have been invaluable.

A pleasing event at the beginning of the year was the reception given me by my own lodge, St. John's No. 35 Cayuga, when R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan, Grand Secretary, invested me with my regalia. On this occasion brethren were present from nearly all the lodges of the district.

I have visited all the lodges of the district making my first official visit to Onondaga on October 7th and my last to King Solomon, Jarvis on June 8th. I found all lodges working faithfully and endeavoring to carry out the spirit and genius of Masonry. The work throughout was very well exemplified. I endeavored to have the Masters and Officers maintain as high a standard of excellence as possible. Harmony prevails throughout the district.

Some of the lodges have recently raised their annual dues and placed their regular meetings on definite days

rather than being guided by Full Moon. The dues should be sufficient to carry the general expenses of the lodge. One lodge had no past due fees. This speaks highly for the Secretary and the general welfare and working of the lodge.

The percentage of average attendance of members was of interest to me for it is a barometer of the condition of Masonry throughout the lodges of the district. The percentage is considerably above the average. This shows the interest exhibited by Officers and Past Masters in making Masonry of real benefit to the members generally. Masonry should develop a richer, fuller, happier life for all.

On Nov. 11th I paid my official visit to my own lodge. During the conferring of the First Degree Grand Lodge Officers occupied the chairs and conferred the degree upon the candidate, my own son. I am deeply grateful to the Grand Lodge Officers for their attndance and assistance in performing the work.

On Dec. 16th Waterford Lodge held its Ladies' Night when the M.W. Bro. J. S. Martin and Mrs. Martin, W. Bro. F. S. Kent and Mrs. Kent, Mrs. Mitchener and myself were guests of the evening. We deeply appreciated the hospitality of the Waterford brethren.

During the year I had the pleasure of visiting Wilson District several times, and attended a District meeting at Port Rowan at which M.W. Bro. J. S. Martin was present. I also enjoyed three or four visits to the Hamilton District. One of these was to the Valley Lodge at its seventieth anniversary when the M.W. the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, and other Grand Lodge Officers attended.

On Dec. 27th I had the honour of installing and investing the officers of St. John's Lodge, Cayuga. I was ably assisted by Past Masters of the lodge. It was with regret that I was unable to accept the kind invitation of Burford Lodge to install their officers on the same night.

Grand Lodge Officers of Wellington District visited Brantford in October and exemplified the first degree. This fraternal visit had been arranged by R.W. Bro. R. T. Stillman, my predecessor, in return visit to one paid Wellington District on May 9th, 1927. The attendance was very large and the degree was exceptionally well presented. Such fraternal visits bind us in stronger bonds of brotherly love.

During my official visit to Paris I had the pleasure of presenting the Grand Lodge Long Service Medal to W. Bro. Buckley, a Past Master of sixty-two years.

On May 4th a District Meeting was held at Cayuga to which we also invited the other lodges in Haldimand County and Norfolk County, these counties being the birthplace and home of our beloved M.W. Hon. John S. Martin, Grand Master. Brethren were present from nearly every lodge. The meeting was very enthusiastic. About two hundred were present. The Most Wor. Hon. J. S. Martin gave a very inspiring address.

I had the pleasure of arranging for the Haldimand lodges of the Brant District on June 7th a social event, a delightful theatre party, at which Jarvis, Hagersville and Cayuga brethren with their ladies were guests of W. Bro. H. Hager and myself at the former's theatre in Hagersville. A splendid program of pictures, music, and addresses was enjoyed. After this light refreshments were served in the club-rooms.

The annual meeting of the Past Masters' Association of Brant District was held in Brantford on June 21st with over forty present. Some of the Past Masters of Hamilton were also present. This Association endeavors to secure representatives from all lodges of the district.

In conclusion I wish to thank the brethren for the honour they conferred upon me by electing me to represent the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master in this district. All have given me splendid support during the

year, and this I deeply appreciate. I have thoroughly enjoyed the year's work, and have presented to each lodge a Masonic message pointing out the importance of applying the principles of Masonry to daily life. I hope that I have been of some service to the cause of Masonry in this district. I know that my successor will receive the same loyal support that has been accorded me.

Fraternally submitted,

J. L. MITCHENER,

D.D.G.M. Brant District.

BRUCE DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers, and Members of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren.

In submitting my report on the condition of Masonry in Bruce District, I wish first to express my keen appreciation of the signal honour which the brethren of this Masonic District conferred upon me, in unanimously electing me as their representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and also the loyal support and cordial receptions accorded me at all times by the lodges and brethren throughout the district.

My first official duty was to appoint Wor. Bro. S. W. Vogan, District Secretary and Wor. Bro. Rev. H. J. Harnwell, District Chaplain. To both these brethren I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for their valuable assistance.

Hanover Lodge No. 432, Hanover. On November 4th, 1927, accompanied by R.W. Bro. F. W. Walker and many members of Saugeen Lodge, I made my first inspection by visiting Hanover Lodge, No. 432, Hanover. I was introduced by my predecessor in office R.W. Bro. M. S. Armstrong. The reception tendered me on this occasion by W. Bro. Milton Ball, his fellow officers and brethren, forcibly impressed upon me the honor that is accorded the representative of the Grand Master, by Hanover Lodge.

The third degree was exemplified by the officers and past masters of the lodge, in a manner that merited only commendation. It was a delight to hear W. Bro. Jno. Mills deliver the historical portion of the work.

W. Bro. Dr. Staples is a very capable Secretary. His books are neatly kept and dues well collected. Hanover Lodge should continue to prosper.

Moravian Lodge No. 431, Cargill. This lodge was inspected by me on November 21st, 1927. I again had the pleasure of the company of R.W. Bro. F. W. Walker and also a large delegation from Saugeen Lodge. This is the home lodge of R.W. Bro. W. J. Loughleen and R.W. Bro. G. Sirrs. A hearty welcome was extended to me by the Moravian brethren. There being no degree work W. Bro. P. Hunstein and his officers opened and closed in the three degrees, Owing to the fact that the industrial members have had to seek employment in other centres, the membership has dropped considerably. I tried to encourage them to "carry on" under the present adverse conditions which I hope will improve shortly.

The lodge has splendid well furnished quarters, W. Bro. Hunstein is a very capable officer and with his Past Masters, the welfare of this lodge is assured.

Port Elgin Lodge, No. 429, Port Elgin. On March 1st, I had the honor of paying my official visit to Port Elgin Lodge No. 429. During the afternoon it was my sad duty to conduct the funeral of the late Bro. Jno. Baker a valued member of Port Elgin Lodge.

At the evening meeting I was very cordially received, being escorted to the East by W. Bros. J. B. Cottrill and H. C. Koebke. The Fellowcraft degree was so exemplified by W. Bro. J. W. Reinhart and his assistant officers, that only favorable criticism could be offered. The Past Masters are splendid co-workers with the lodge officers, and the secretary, W. Bro. A. L. Wyant is most diligent in his duties.

St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 131, Southampton. On March 6th, I visited this, the oldest lodge in Bruce district. Here they own their building which includes a splendid banquet hall and well equipped lodge quarters, all clear of debt. R.W. Bro. F. Goodier is the veteran secretary of the district being a member of the Craft for over fifty years and served as D.D.G.M. in 1893. He also holds the unique record of having all dues collected. This is also the home of R.W. Bro. P. J. Scott

and R.W. Bro. Jas. Burns and by whom I was introduced.

W. Bro. Oliver Stephenson and his staff of officers exemplified the M.M. degree in a most creditable manner. The candidate Bro. Thos. Darlington won my admiration for the splendid way in which he expressed his appreciation of the work.

Saugeen Lodge, No. 197, Walkerton. On March 13th, 1928 despite the unfavorable roads I was greeted with an exceptionally good attendance of the brethren on the occasion of my official visit to my Mother Lodge, Saugeen No. 197. I was presented by W. Bro. F. B. James and W. Bro. S. W. Vogan. The warmth of the welcome extended to me by the W. Master W. Bro. D. J. Krampp, and the splendid reception accorded me by the brethren on this my appearance among them in my official capacity was such as to deeply impress and encourage me.

The First Degree was conferred by W. Bro. D. J. Krampp and his officers in a manner that reflected much credit to them. The musical ritual was used throughout and added greatly to the impressiveness of the work. The lecture of the Junior Warden, Bro. R. I. Wiles was deserving of special mention. Bro. W. A. Clark has faithfully filled the office of treasurer for a number of years and has the finances in splendid shape. They are also to be congratulated on their well equipped lodge rooms.

With R.W. Bro. F. W. Walker, now a resident of Walkerton, and still active in the interests of the Craft, and the able assistance of the Past Masters, Masonry will be well looked after in the County Town.

Harriston Lodge No. 262, Harriston. On the evening of April 9th, I made my official visit to Harriston Lodge No. 262 and was most cordially received. Considering the condition of the roads, the attendance was very good. The work of the evening was the Entered Apprentice Degree, which was very capably conferred

by W. Bro. Dr. Hart and his assistant officers. W. Bro. Jno. Fawcett conducted the ceremony of investing a newly elected Junior Warden and several other Junior Officers, which showed him to be well posted in Masonry and keenly interested in the welfare of Harriston Lodge.

The success of this lodge is largely due to their energetic secretary, W. Bro. H. J. Hucks. His monthly notices contain well selected material that keeps up the interest of the members and assures a good attendance at the meetings. The finances are in good shape. The lodge rooms are quite commodious, well ventilated and inviting.

W. Bro. Dr. Hart is supported by a very earnest and sincere staff of officers and Past Masters and are doing splendid work.

Clifford Lodge No. 315, Clifford. On April 16th, we motored to Clifford and received a most hearty welcome from W. Bro. A. Darroch and his officers, who conferred the M.M. degree in a very acceptable manner. The assistance of several Past Masters added greatly to the impressiveness of the degree.

Clifford Lodge is in a flourishing condition. They own their lodge rooms and banquet hall, which are well furnished and make one of the best Masonic Homes in the district. Their secretary, W. Bro. Wm. Graef is one of the veterans of the Craft in Bruce District and keeps his books in good shape.

Maple Leaf Lodge No. 362, Tara. On Monday April 30th, in company with several of the brethren of Saugeen Lodge, we motored to the beautiful village of Tara. I was introduced by R. W. Bro. Jas. A. McDonald and R.W. Bro. F. W. Walker, this being the Mother Lodge of these distinguished brethren. W. Bro. Geo. Munson extended me a Royal welcome. In the conferring of the E.A. degree the lecture of the Junior Warden, Bro. James Collins and also the P.M. address by his father, V.W. Bro. Wm. Collins, were deserving of words of commendation. This lodge is in good work-

ing order and is well looked after by the capable and genial secretary W. Bro. R. I. Shannon.

Cedar Lodge No. 396, Wiarton. I made my official visit to Cedar Lodge No. 396 on Tuesday May 1st. W. Bro. Jno. McCartney and his splendid staff of officers, exemplified the E.A. Degree in a particularly efficient and impressive manner and I was pleased to congratulate them, highly upon their work.

There is a splendid feeling among the brethren in this lodge, and this is no doubt promoted to a great extent by the influence of two active Past D.D.G.M.'s, R.W. Bro. S. J. Cameron and R.W. Bro. Dr. E. S. Foster, who are both pillars of strength to Masonry in Wiarton. W. Bro. J. D. Ewing proves himself a capable secretary. Cedar as well as being the largest also have the finest equipped and best furnished lodge quarters in Bruce District. I shall always have a very friendly feeling toward my brethren of Wiarton.

Forest Lodge No. 393 Chesley. Officially visited this lodge on Thursday evening May 3rd, in company with several Walkerton brethren. We were heartily welcomed by W. Bro. W. P. Krug, who, as well as being actively connected with Masonry, is also prominently associated with many public duties falling upon him as Mayor of the progressive town of Chesley.

There being no degree work, W. Bro. W. P. Krug and his officers opened and closed in the three degrees, in a most efficient manner, and I have no doubt that in the conferring of degrees, the work would be equally as well done. In W. Bro. Hy. Stevens, Forest Lodge have a valuable servant. He has the books in good shape and is a most courteous and genial secretary.

Burns Lodge No. 436, Hepworth. This lodge is famed for its hospitality and my visit on May 4th, was no exception. I was accompanied by R.W. Bro. R. W. Walker, W. Bro. S. W. Vogan, Dist. Secretary, and several other Walkerton Craftsman. A large gathering of brethren from the neighboring lodges were present and

enjoyed the conferring of the M.M. degree on a bright and well instructed candidate by W. Bro. W. F. Brown and his staff of officers. The musical ritual added to the impressiveness of this beautiful degree. One is gratified to see the enthusiasm exhibited by these young officers and the friendly relations existing between this lodge and its neighbors.

This is the Mother Lodge of R.W. Bro. J. E. Campbell, now residing in Toronto, and who motored up to be present on this occasion, which I greatly appreciated. The visit of the D.D.G.M. is an annual social event also, and upon the conclusion of the lodge meeting a At Home was held in the village hall.

Aldworth Lodge No. 235, Paisley. My last official visit was to Aldworth Lodge, on Friday May 18th. I was accompanied by a large delegation from Walkerton and was greeted by a splendid attendance of the members and several visitors from the neighboring lodge of Tara. I was particularly pleased to see W. Bro. W. R. Barnett present at this meeting; his health having been impaired, he has been unable to attend lodge for a couple of years.

W. Bro. D. Potts and his officers opened and closed in the three degrees in a manner that left little room for criticism. The finances are in good shape. The lodge rooms are well furnished and neatly kept.

The Secretarial duties are very capably discharged by Bro. Hugh McKerracher who is well known throughout the district by his genial personality and his interest in public affairs. A fine array of Past Masters add greatly to the activities of this lodge. Among others I might mention W. Bro. W. C. McKelvey, Jno. A. Cummings, Jno. M. Hopper and S. F. Ballachey.

Visit of the Grand Master.—An outstanding Masonic event of the year and indeed in the history of the District, was the District Meeting and Reception to our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro. Hon. John S. Martin, on Thursday, May 10th, last. This meeting

was held at Walkerton on account of that being the most central place having suitable accommodation. The Grand Master was accompanied by the Grand Secretary R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan.

The brethren met at the Saugeen Lodge rooms at 8 o'clock p.m. The Grand Master was received and was given a royal welcome. Introductions were the order of the evening. The gathering was most representative of the District, and all the brethren appeared to enjoy the opportunity of getting together and renewing old friendships.

At 9 o'clock a District banquet was given in the Town Hall, at which nearly three hundred were present. A toast list of a high order interspersed by a program of excellent talent was disposed of. The outstanding event of the evening was the address of the Grand Master. In his message to the brethren, regarding the importance of our fraternity, he alluded to the prime objects of our order and dwelt on the building of good character and citizenship. The address throughout was most inspiring and his visit to Bruce District will long be remembered by the members of the Craft who were fortunate enough to be present.

Although his visit to the District was very short he won for himself a secure place in the heart and affection of all those with whom he came in contact.

R.W. Bro. Logan is always a welcome visitor and excels as an after dinner speaker. As usual his speech was rich in humor. He referred to Grand Lodge and elaborated upon reasons, internal and external, why members of the Craft have a right to be tremendously proud of Masonry.

Judging from the success of this meeting and the enthusiasm with which the brethren greeted the Grand Master, and the many favorable remarks heard since May 10th, I cannot help but feel, that in the interests of Masonry, a similar district meeting, with the presence of the Grand Master if possible, should be held at least

every couple of years. The brethren of the district would thus have an opportunity of meeting in a body and renewing those fraternal friendships which we all value so highly.

General Remarks—I am pleased to report that every lodge in Bruce District appears to be working harmoniously for the welfare of its members and the betterment of the community. The work is uniform and of a very high order and the condition of masonry very favorable.

As well as officially visiting each Lodge, it has also been my pleasure to attend several Divine Services and to assist at Installations.

In bringing my report to a close, I wish to thank the brethren of the District, for the cordial manner in which they have received me on all occasions. I greatly appreciated the assistance and co-operation of the P.D.D. G.M.'s Past and Ruling Masters. In particular I must mention R.W. Bro. F. W. Walker, W. Bro. Rev. H. J. Harnell and the many members of my mother lodge, who accompanied me on several of my visits, making what might have been an arduous task, a joy and pleasure. I shall ever cherish the memories of the year about to close and I trust my successor will receive the same consideration that I have enjoyed.

Fraternally submitted,

C. T. BOSS,

D.D.G.M. Bruce District.

CHATHAM DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honour to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in Chatham District for this Masonic year.

The honour conferred on me as the representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in this district, by the brethren is gratefully acknowledged and appreciated. The unfailing kindness, hospitality and untiring zeal of the brethren have helped us all to keep high the splendid standard of Masonry in this district.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. John R. McColl of Highgate Lodge No. 336 as District Secretary and W. Bro. the Rev. (Capt.) J. H. Barnett Ph.D., of Howard Lodge No. 391 as District Chaplain: both of these brethren accompanied me on many of my visits and I wish to extend to them my thanks for duty well performed and kindly services rendered.

I have visited every lodge in the district personally and some of them several times. The degree work as exemplified throughout the district was beyond my expectations. What impressed me most, was how closely all lodges kept to the ancient land marks and established customs of our order. Nearly every lodge carried them out to the letter and every officer seemed to be trying to have the work perfect; so my duties were very light. Every lodge in the district is to be congratulated on the efficient way in which they conduct their business and exemplify their degree work.

Florence Lodge, Florence, October 7th. There was an attendance of seventy-five members and visitors in spite of the unfavorable weather and an agricultural fair concert. W. Bro. Houston and his officers opened the

lodge promptly on time and after the business of the evening was finished, conferred a third degree in a very impressive manner. It was pleasing to note the large number of past masters present and helping in the work. Florence lodge have a fine new lodge-room which they own. Many visitors were present from the neighboring sister lodges.

Hammond Lodge, Wardsville, October 10th. They have a comfortable lodge-room which they own. There were sixty-five members present. W. Bro. Harvey and officers exemplified the third degree in an excellent manner. The work of W. Bro. Harvey and W. Bro. Cameron, I.P.M,, was worthy of special mention. R.W. Bro. Dr. Mumford was present and gave an interesting address. In W. Bro. Minna, Hammond lodge had a very efficient secretary. Unfortunately some time after my official visit to Hammond Lodge, W. Bro. Mimna was suddenly called from his labours here to the Grand Lodge above and while we feel the loss of his guidance, we count our loss, his gain.

Victory Lodge Chatham, November 1st. This visit was not an official visit but the return visit of Kent Lodge, Blenheim and Pnyx Lodge, Wallaceburg to Victory Lodge. The first degree was exemplified by Kent Lodge and the Second Degree by Pnyx Lodge. The officers of both lodges are to be congratulated on the work of the evening. There were over two hundred members present.

Highgate Lodge, Highgate, November 4th. This is my mother lodge. There were visitors present from half the lodges of the district besides those from Rodney and West Lorne. I was introduced by V.W. Bros. Teetzel and Montgomery and very cordially welcomed by W. Bro Smith. The third degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner.

Lorne Lodge, Glencoe, Nov. 8th. With several brehtren I visited this lodge. There were about fifty members present. W. Bro. Sinclair and the officers of the year conferred a third degree in a commendable style. Everything is in a flourishing condition.

Star of the East, Bothwell, Nov. 9th. W. Bro. Downie and the officers opened the lodge and conducted the business of the lodge in a very efficient manner. The third degree was then exemplified by the past masters of the lodge in an able manner. The work of W. Bros. Curtis and Hankinson who acted as deacons was worthy of special mention. Star of the East have a large lodge room which is a great help to put on degree work properly. There were seventy brethren present.

Parthenon Lodge, Chatham, Nov. 23rd. This is the largest lodge in the district. The first degree was exemplified in a very able manner and the officers are very proficient. W. Bro. Burnie has the assistance of a large number of efficient past masters. There was an attendance of one hundred and twenty-five.

Howard Lodge, Ridgetown, Dec. 5th. A large number of Highgate brethren accompanied me on my visit to our neighboring sister lodge. There were eighty members and visitors present. The work exemplified was the second degree and was done by W. Bro. Bingham and the officers of the year excellently. The officers of the ensuing year were then elected.

Sydenham Lodge, Dresden, Dec. 7th. There were ninety members and visitors present. The third degree was conferred. The work of the evening was well done and showed careful study and preparation by W. Bro. Paling and the officers. W. Bro. French the secretary has his books in splendid shape. He is over ninety years of age and the oldest Mason in the district. It was a great pleasure to meet R.W. Bro. Dr. Jeffs again.

Tecumseh Lodge, Thamesville, April 2nd. They have a very comfortable lodge room and it is made very attractive by a large number of interesting and instructive pictures. There were eighty members present. The first degree was exemplified in the usual efficient manner. The work of W. Bro. Dick and V.W. Bro. Winters was worthy of special reference. Tecumseh lodge is to be congratulated on the large attendance at their regular meetings.

Victory Lodge, Chatham, April 10th. This was the night of their regular meeting and W. Bro. McMullin and the officers conducted the business of the lodge in a very efficient manner. The third degree was conferred in a faultless manner. W. Bro. McMullin had the assistance of nearly every past master present. There were visitors present from the Grand Lodges of Michigan and Kentucky. There were one hundred and five members present.

Wellington Lodge, Chatham, April 23rd. This is the oldest lodge in the district. W. Bro. Mahon and the officers of the lodge conferred the third degree in a very impressive manner. He had the assistance of six past masters and there were many more anxious to help. Wellington lodge is noted for their splendid degree work throughout the district. There were over one hundred present.

Pnyx Lodge, Wallaceburg, April 30th. The third degree was conferred on a candidate by W. Bro. Irwin and officers in a splendid manner. They have a splendid lodge room. W. Bro. Johnson is a very efficient secretary and everything is in good order. There were nearly ninety present.

Century Lodge, Merlin, May 2nd. W. Bro. Tasker and officers conducted the business of the lodge and conferred two first degrees in a way which reflected credit to themselves and their lodge. Their work is somewhat hindered by the smallness of the lodge room.

Florence, May 16th. Our district was favoured with a visit from M.W. Bro. the Hon. John S. Martin, Grand Master, and R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan, Grand Secretary. The dedication of Florence lodge by the Grand Master was a most beautiful and impressive ceremony. The M.W. the Grand Master was assisted by R.W. Bro. Logan, Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Anderson, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, R.W. Bro. McKelvey, D.D.G.M. of Sarnia District, R.W. Bro. J. R. Macpherson, D.D.G.M. of Chatham District, R.W. Bro. Dawson of Sarnia District,

R.W. Bros. Graham, McCallum, Jeffs, Vincent, Clements, Worth and Dr. Kelly of Chatham District, V.W. Bros. Bodkin, Montgomery and Teetzel, W. Bro. Barnett, District Chaplain, W. Bro. McColl, Mahon, Irvin, Pardo, Dick, Miller and Tasker.

At 6.30 a banquet was held in the two separate halls to accommodate the large number present. A reception was held in the evening for the M.W. the Grand Master and R.W. Bro. Logan. R.W. Bro. Dr. Kelly and W. Bro. J. C. Stewart extended addresses of welcome to our distinguished visitors. Most W. Bro. Martin gave a fine discourse in which he urged the members of Chatham district to take a deep interest in the work of Grand Lodge and the importance of maintaining a British citizenship in this country. His address was received with the utmost enthusiasm on the part of the audience. R.W. Bro. Logan then gave a very enjoyable address in which he introduced a great deal of clever humour and much important information. Several musical selections were rendered by the Masonic Quartette of Chatham and Watts Orchestra. V.W. Bro. Hicks brought the meeting to a close with a splendid address. The event was one of the most auspicious and successful meetings ever held in the district and a great deal of credit is due to the brethren of Florence lodge especially W. Bros. Hartwick and Beatty.

On Friday May 11th, about one hundred and fifty of the brethren of the district joined me in a very enjoyable visit to Cameron lodge No. 232 Dutton when St. John's lodge No. 209a of London conferred a third degree, in a very creditable manner. This was a great source of instruction to the brethren as their work differs materially from ours.

On May 25th through the kindness of Bros. Buchanan and Friendship lodge of Detroit, Tecumseh and Florence lodges were invited to Detroit. In my absence, R.W. Bro. McCallum kindly consented to accompany the brethren of these lodges and this event should prove of very great importantce in cementing the ties of brotherly love and friendship with our neighbors. On Sunday May 27th I had the pleasure of attending the

annual Divine Services of Parthenon, Wellington and Victory Lodges of Chatham at the First Presbyterian Church.

Kent Lodge, Blenheim, May 28th. My last official visit was made when I was very cordially received by the master, officers and members of Kent Lodge. The work of the evening was the second degree and was done by W. Bro. Brundritt and the officers of the year in an excellent manner. There were about sixty members and visitors present. On Sunday June 17th I attended Divine Worship with Highgate Lodge at the Duart Presbyterian Church.

On Monday June 24th Parthenon lodge installed the officers for the ensuing year and I had the pleasure of witnessing this event. W. Bro. Smith and the installing officers carried out this wonderful ceremony in a very able manner.

The books and records of the lodges are satisfactory and the finances generally are all that could be desired.

An elaborate banquet followed each of my official visits to the various lodges and the speech making and entrtainment following these were of a high and elevating tone which has been a marked feature throughout the District.

During the winter an "At Home" was held at each of the following lodges: Florence, Tecumseh and Victory lodges, when Mrs. Macpherson and I had the pleasure of being present. These functions enable the families and friends of the members to meet and become better acquainted and thus enjoy additional pleasures of life.

On every visit I have been accompanied by a goodly number of Highgate brethren. R.W. Bro. McCallum accompanied me on twelve of the fourteen visits and to him I am indebted for many thoughtful courtesies and kindly services. Also to R.W. Bro. Clements for his help on many occasions.

I would like to express my appreciation of the willingness at all times shown by the Grand Secretary R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan for help and the prompt reply to all communications addressed to his office. To the masters and secretaries of all the lodges of the district I am indebted for many kindnesses extended to me through my official year. And also to all the past District Deputies and past masters for their help and loyal support which has been greatly appreciated.

Recently a soft ball league has been formed by the members of Kent, Howard, Highgate, Tecumseh, Sydenham and Star of the East lodges. Bro. C. Gardiner, M.P.P., of Tecumseh lodge has donated a silver cup to the winner. This should prove a great success, and be a great help in getting the various members of these lodges better acquainted.

Now as my term of office is drawing to a close let me once again thank the brethren throughout the District for the privileges I have had, and the friendships I have found in endeavoring to serve you as District Deputy Grand Master. It has been a year of great happiness to me. I have received so many kindly attentions that I am unable to adequately express my appreciation, and highly commend the Brethren of the different lodges throughout the district for the true spirit of Masonry which has been so noticeably displayed at every meeting. I would ask for my successor who ever he may be, the same loyal support that has been given myself.

Fraternally submitted,

J. R. MACPHERSON,

D.D.G.M. Chatham District

EASTERN DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

In submitting my report on the condition of Masonry in Eastern District for the year 1927-28, it is only fitting that I should express my deep and sincere appreciation of the signal honour which the brethren of this Masonic District conferred upon me, in unanimously electing me as their representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in confirming the same.

I wish also to thank the brethren of the District for the courtesy, kindness and hospitality which was so generously bestowed upon me throughout the year. I have endeavoured to the utmost of my ability to fulfil the duties reposed in me, and to prove worthy of the honour and dignity becoming the office, and may I express the hope therefore that your trust in me has not been misplaced.

My first official act was to appoint Worshipful Bro' John Hunter, Past Master of Cornwall Lodge, No. 125, District Secretary. I have known him for many years in Masonic work and as a citizen at large; his thoroughness in everything he undertakes; his faithfulness to duty at all times, and his diligence throughout the year, is greatly appreciated by me, and justified the appointment.

To the brethren of my Mother Lodge, Cornwall No. 125, I owe a great debt of gratitude, in accompanying me in goodly numbers on many of my visits, and for furnishing their automobiles for transportation.

Past Masters' Association

A Past Masters' Association is flourishing in Eastern District and much credit is due R.W. Bro. W. T. King-

ston for its success, along with R.W. Bro. M. W. Shepherd, the first president. The Past Masters' Association met in annual meeting in Cornwall Lodge No. 125 on October 19th, R.W. Bro. M. W. Shepherd, the President in the chair, who delivered the instructional address which was greatly appreciated by the brethren for the beautiful thoughts it contained.

Eleven of the eighteen lodges in the district were represented.

The newly elected officers are: President, R.W. Bro. G. A. Bradley of Alexandria Lodge; Vice-President, R.W. Bro. D. A. McNaughton of Finch Lodge; Sec.-Treas., T. W. Bro. W. T. Kingston, of Cardinal Lodge.

At the close of the meeting refreshments were served, and a musical program was provided by the brethren of Cardinal Lodge.

The Work

The work in practically every lodge throughout Eastern District was exceptionally good. The Ruling Masters, Wardens and Officers in every lodge are well skilled, enthusiastic, earnest and fully alive to their duties and responsibilities as leaders in the Craft.

Our long array of Past District Deputy Grand Masters and Past Masters continues to evince that same pronounced serviceable interest in all things Masonic that has characterized their activities in the years that are past; rendering able and appreciated assistance at all times. It is a remarkable fact that nearly all of the ruling masters of Eastern District this year are young men between the ages of twenty-five and thirty years of age and are without exception all well skilled and lovers of the Craft, which speaks volumes for the brethren who are responsible for their preferment and advancement.

Our Fraternal Dead.

During the year several of the brethren of this District have been called home to the Grand Lodge above to give an account of their conduct through life.

Prominent among those whose loss we mourn and whose memory we cherish in our hearts is R.W. Bro. R. H. Haines, P.D.D.G.M. of Eastern District, who was called home on Monday, May 28th, by the Grand Architect of the Universe to continue his labour on the dome of the temple.

R.W. Bro. Haines was three times Ruling Master of Farran's Point Lodge. He served his lodge as secretary for nearly thirty-one years, initiated, passed and raised his four sons in Farrans Point Lodge, and his youngest son, W. Bro. Claude Haines is this year Ruling Master of the lodge.

R.W. Bro. Haines was elected the first D.D.G.M. of Eastern District at a district meeting held in the Town of Brockville on July 21st, 1904, presided over by M.W. Bro. G. T. Malone, and on the night of my official visit to the lodge and brethren he loved so well he was elected an honorary member with all rights and privileges.

As a citizen R.W. Bro. Haines was held in high esteem—he was always a public spirited citizen and held practicaly every office in the gift of the community. He was Postmaster at Aultsville for sixteen years, had served as School Trustee onmany different occasions and was a member of the School Board at the time of his death; was one of the first Trustees of the Village, was several years Superintendent of the Methodist United Church. About one hundred brethren attended his funeral, amongst whom were seven Past Grand Lodge officers.

Entertainment

On November 16th the Temple Choir of Ottawa visited Cornwall under the auspices of Cornwall Lodge No. 125, and gave the music loving people of the district a real musical treat. The choir is composed of seventy members, all Master Masons, some of whom are Past Masters of Ottawa Lodges. The Conductor, Bro. Cyril Rickwood, was highly complimented both by the brethren of the Craft and the citizens of the town, who

availed themselves of the opportunity of hearing this plendid organization of male singers.

The brethren of Ottawa District, of which R.W. Bro. A. Collins is the D.D.G.M. this term honoured me with an invitation to be present at a reception tendered by them to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master the Hon. John S. Martin, on April 27th, which invitation I was pleased to accept, and I take this opportunity of expressing my very sincere thanks and that of the brethren of Eastern District for the kindness and hospitality shown me and for the privilege of being present with them on that occasion.

Visits

Lancaster Lodge No. 207—On October 4th I made my first offical visit to this old and historic lodge in the county of Glengarry, accompanied by seventeen of the brethren of my Mother Lodge, and the District Secretary, W. Bro. John Hunter. With Scottish warmth my reception was most cordial. I was introduced to the Worshipful Master by W. Bros. Christopher McRae and Geo. Watson, two outstanding Masons in this District, and the type of stalwart Glengarrians so well known throughout this fair Dominion of Canada.

This lodge meets in its own building free of any encumbrances, and fully insured "Such is the nature of the Scot."

In Bro. John C. Dunlop the lodge has a very efficient secretary, and one who would be a credit to any successful organization as he is the soul of honour and one of nature's noblemen. His books and records are all in perfect order.

As there were no degrees to confer I examined the officers in other branches of the work, in which they proved very efficient.

On this visit I was pleased to meet my good friend and Brother, R.W. Bro. George Bradley, Past D.D.G.M.

of Eastern District, also visiting brethren from Alexandria and Martintown.

Alexandria Lodge No. 439—On October 11th, accompanied by the District Secretary, W. Bro. John Hunter and ten of the Cornwall brethren, I visited Alexandria.

On my arrival at the lodge I was introduced to the Worshipful Master, W. Bro. George Leyland by R.W. Bro. H. J. McGillivray As there was no work on the agenda the lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees in a faultless manner. The Senior Warden, Bro. R. W. Cameron delivered his lecture word perfect.

The lodge is the proud possessor of their own lodge property and is nearly free of any encumbrances. The property is nicely situated on a corner and contains a very fine building with a beautiful bowling green, which besides giving pleasure to the brethren during the summer months, brings in a revenue of $75.00 each year. The buildings and furnishings are all fully insured.

The Secretary's books are neatly kept and the dues well paid up. These conditions could not be otherwise in the hand of such an efficient secretary as W. Bro. Dr. H. L. Cheney, who is one of the finest specimens of true gentlemen I have ever met. To know W. Bro. Dr. Cheney is to love him. I am deeply indebted to him for the hospitality of his home on the evening of my visit.

The brethren of Alexandria Lodge are a fine type of men, and one leaves them with the impression that truly these men are Masons.

Hawkesburty Lodge No. 450—On November 3rd, I visited this lodge accompanied by Brother Albert Hewitson, who very kindly placed his car at my disposal for this visit.

The town of Hawkesbury is distant about 52 miles north east of Cornwall and is beautifully situated on the Ottawa River.

On my arrival at the lodge I had the pleasure of being introduced by that Prince of Good Fellows, R.W. Bro. Archie McRae, P.D.D.G.M. Eastern District and W. Bro. W. P. Garrett.

After the regular business was disposed of, two third degrees were conferred on two well posted candidates by W. Bros. McAllister, Douglass and Cass in a faultless manner.

This lodge is in a good healthy condition financially and otherwise, and in the hands of real men. W. Bro. Geo. A. Cass, the Secy. is a man of sterling worth and character and his books are the likeness of himself.

The furniture of the lodge is well insured and the dues promptly paid.

Henderson Lodge No. 383, Winchester, Ont.—On December 7th, my official visit to this lodge, I was accompanied by W. Bro. Newton, who is now a resident of Cornwall, and was initiated into Masonry in Henderson Lodge.

The roads being impassable for automobiles at this season of the year we travelled by train.

I was introduced to the Worshipful Master, W. Bro. John F. Gibson by R.W. Bro. Sweet of Henderson Lodge, and R.W. Bro. Dr. W. C. Davy of Excelsior Lodge, Morrisburg, both of these distinguished brethren, being P.D.D.G.M's of Eastern District.

This lodge was named after Past Grand Master James Alexander Henderson, who granted the dispensation.

Henderson Lodge is working under splendid conditions, the membership is made up of the very finest type of men.

The second degree was exemplified by W. Bro. John F. Gibson and a very capable staff of officers in a

manner that merited only commendation. The Warden's lecture being very excellently explained by the Senior Warden, Bro. G. A. Dixon. W. Bro. A. H. Annable is the Secretary, and his books are well kept, and show that the lodge is in excellent financial condition and progressive.

Visiting brethren were present from Morrisburg, Chesterville and Kingston.

Cornwall Lodge No. 125—To this, my Mother Lodge and the one with which I am still connected, I paid my official visit at their regular communication, Dec. 27th, the festival of St. John the Evangelist, and while a prophet may be without honour in his own country, I have every reason to be grateful for the warmth of the welcome extended to me.

I was introduced by R.W. Bro. John Ridley and W. Bro. Harry Williams, two stalwarts of Masonry in Eastern District and veteran members of Cornwall Lodge, both being members of over fifty years standing. Indeed R.W. Bro. Ridley is acknowledged to be the Dean of Masonry in Eastern District.

Installation was the work of the evening and was performed by R.W. Bro. Ridley with impressive dignity fitting the solemnity of the occasion.

The newly installed Master, W. Bro. Cottrell, his wardens and other officers, I have known from their youth, and naturally I am very proud to see them advancing in Masonic knowledge and in the favour of their brethren. With the present staff of officers this lodge may look forward with confidence to the future, knowing that due care is being exercised in the East, West and South.

The position of Secretary could not be in better hands than that of R.W. Bro. John Ridley who has acted in this capacity for many years. His books are models of neatness and he has all records and papers of the lodge in perfect order. The financial standing is ex-

cellent, the dues well collected, while ample fire insurance is carried.

This lodge has a group of social engineers commonly known as the Entertainment Committee that cannot be excelled.

After the evening's work a very pleasant hour was spent, the several speeches breathing a loyalty to those principles which tend to our social and national greatness.

Friendly Brothers Lodge No. 143, Iroquois, Ont. On February 29th I paid my official visit to this lodge, and found the brethren were certainly worthy of the name.

I was introduced to the Worshipful Master W. Bro. M. Hislop by W. Bro. G. A. Bouck and V.W. Bro. D. Fink, the latter is now the Father of Friendly Brothers, being 84 years of age, 59 years a Mason and 52 years a Past Master. It was my privilege to be present at Grand Lodge Communication at Hamilton in 1925 and to see this grand old Mason decorated with the silver medal for 50 years a Past Master by Most Worshipful Brother Ponton. V.W. Bro. Fink is the only living Past Master in Eastern District wearing this distinguished decoration. There was one other, W. Bro. Dr. Chamberlain who has since gone to his reward. It is worthy of note that both these distinguished brethren first saw light in Masonry in Excelsior Lodge No. 142, Morrisburg.

The sublime degree was to be conferred but the candidate was unavoidably absent owing to illness in his family, but the evening was profitably spent in interpreting the Constitution and examining of the officers as to their proficiency in the several degrees.

Visiting brethren were present from Excelsior Lodge, Morrisburg, Cardinal and Wales. The Cardinal visitor Bro. Ed. Williams gave a real demonstration of responding to a lodge summons. He walked the five miles from Cardinal and walked back leaving Iroquois

at 12.45 a.m. and thought nothing of it. Indeed he considered the evening well spent and well worth the walk.

This lodge is in good financial standing, its property is well insured and the dues kept paid up. In W. Bro. Herman Hamilton Friendly Lodge has a secretary of the finest type. It was my privilege to hear W. Bro. Hamilton deliver the Masonic funeral ceremony last September without the use of a book, at the funeral of our late Bro. James McNairn of Friendly Brothers Lodge.

This lodge is situated in the Township of Matilda, the only place in the world that has a monument erected to an apple tree "The McIntosh Red". The first brother initiated in this lodge was also the first reeve of the village of Iroquois, the late R.W. Bro. Dr. James Stephenson.

Excelsior Lodge No. 142, Morrisburg, Ont. On March 2nd, it was my pleasure to visit this lodge situated in the home town of our late Premier Sir James Whitney, I was presented by R.W. Bro. Dr. W. C. Davy, P.D. D.G.M. of Eastern District and W. Bro. C. W. Marsh. On the evening of my visit the first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. H. B. Tindall and his officers assisted by R.W. Bro. Davy and W. Bro. G. H. Challies in a very efficient manner.

This lodge is in prosperous circumstances—indeed it could not be otherwise with R.W. Bro. W. C. Davy at the helm as Secretary, who is possessed with a wonderful store of Masonic knowledge, and a Mason of the very finest calibre. His rendering of the Junior Warden lecture on the night of my visit was the best I have ever heard.

The lodge room is well furnished and has a banquet hall adjoining it where the hospitality of the brethren of Excelsior Lodge No. 142 was splendidly demonstrated on the night of my visit. Speeches of a very high order were delivered on this occasion by R.W. Bro. W. C. Davy, R.W. Bro. G. M. Gorrell, P.G.R. Bro. Jakeman and others.

Quite a large number of visitors were present from Iroquois, Kemptville, Waddington, N.Y., Williamsburg, Ottawa, Westboro and Toronto. I had again the pleasure of the presence of my good friend and Bro. V.W. Bro. Fink of Friendly Brothers, Iroquois. He was so delighted with our meeting in his home lodge, that he felt he must be with us again. His presence was much appreciated not ony by myself but also the brethren of Excelsior Lodge No. 142.

The first master of this lodge, W. Bro. Macdonell was also the first reeve of the Village of Morrisburg.

Wales Lodge, No. 458. On Monday March 5th, I made my official visit to this lodge, and was very cordially welcomed by the Ruling Master W. Bro. Hayes, to whom I was introduced by R.W. Bro. Glen A. Shaver, my immediate predecessor, and W. Bro. O. F. Eamon.

The third degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Hayes assisted by W. Bro. Feader and a competent staff of officers. W. Bro. Hayes makes a model Master and is well supported by a number of well skilled Past Masters.

At this season of the year the cross roads are almost impassable, nevertheless R.W. Bro. Frank T. Shaver led several of the brethren of Farrans Point Lodge and honoured my visit with their presence, although they had to leave their cars and walk a distance of a mile and a half through deep snow. This, and other examples of like nature which I have noted in connection with some of my visits, exemplifies the type of men making up the membership of this District.

Wales has very comfortably quarters, and although on the night of my visit it was cold and stormy yet the warmth of the welcome which I received from the brethren of this lodge will not soon be forgotten by me.

Visiting brethren were present from Lachine, Que., Shawville, Que., Avonmore and Aultsville. We were all very hospitably entertained by the brethren of Wales Lodge, who are certainly Past Masters in this art.

The secretary of Wales Lodge, V.W. Bro. G. C. Colquhoun, is one of the finest type of young man I have met on my travels, and Wales is very fortunate indeed in having such a Secretary, who is fully alive to the best interests of the Craft and his own lodge. His books and records are complete in every detail.

The property is well insured and the dues are promptly paid.

The future of Wales Lodge is in good hands and its success is assured, by the type of men which guard its portals.

Finch Lodge, No. 557. On Thursday, March 29th, I paid my official visit to this lodge, located in the centre of Eastern District. W. Bro. D. K. MacLean is the ruling master of this thriving lodge and to him I was presented on the night of my visit by V.W. Bro. Arthur McMillan and W. Bro. J. N. McDougall.

The second degree was exemplified by W. Bro. D. K. McLean and his officers in a faultless manner on a well coached candidate. The Senior Warden Bro. F. C. Eligh, delivered his lecture word perfect.

Finch Township is one of the most prosperous farming communities in Eastern District, with the result that the lodge membership is mostly made up of stalwart sons of the soil, descendants of the U.E. Loyalists who were the pioneers of the district transforming the primeval forest into what is now one of the best farming sections in the Province.

The furnishings and equipment of Finch Lodge are new and of the best, and are well insured. One could not expect it to be otherwise, as this is the home lodge of R.W. Bro. D. A. McNaughton, P.D.D.G.M. of Eastern District, and the representative of Stormont in the Provincial Legislature. He is also Vice-President of the Past Masters' Association of Eastern District, which stamps him as a man and a Mason, of which type our District has its full measure.

Finch lodge has in V.W. Bro. Arthur McMillan a secretary who realizes the importance of his position and directs his duties accordingly, being the soul of honour. Arthur is a young man I am very proud of.

Farran's Point Lodge No. 256, Aultsville, Ont. Wednesday, April 4th, found me in the company of my brethren of this lodge on my official visit. I had the honour of being introduced to the Master and brethren by R.W. Bro. Frank T. Shaver, P.D.D.G.M. of Eastern District accompanied by R.W. Bro. R. H. Hanes, the first D.D.G.M. of Eastern District my immediate predecessor R.W. Bro. Glen A. Shaver. It is worthy of note that R.W. Bro. R. H. Hanes has the distinction of having initiated passed and raised his four sons in this lodge, the present ruling master, W. Bro. Claude Hanes, being his youngest son. He has also served the lodge as secretary for 31 years, and on the night of my visit, was made an Honorary Member of the lodge he loves and has served so well. R.W. Bro. Hanes is justly proud of his contribution to the Craft in general and his own lodge in particular, which pride is shared with him by the brethren of Eastern District.

The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Claude Hanes assisted by an efficient staff of officers in a manner which stamped them as real Craftsmen.

Farran's Point Lodge is one of the oldest lodges in Eastern District. The landmarks and its portals have been and are still well guarded with the result that the brethren of this lodge are like the brethren of the other lodges of this District (which I have visited so far) of the very finest type.

R.W. Bro. Frank T. Shaver, the secretary, has his books in perfect order and I would not expect them otherwise, as Frank is one of the outstanding young men of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry. He stands four square to the world, and is as clean as the River St. Lawrence which flows majestically past the village where he resides.

Chesterville Lodge, No. 320. My official visit to this lodge was made on Monday evening, April 30th. This is a fine old lodge with a splendid record.

Although the roads at this season of the year are almost impassable, yet there was a good attendance of the brethren, so that we spent a very profitable and pleasant evening. One thing which impressed me on this visit was the appearance of all the brethren present properly dressed in Masonic clothing, and I expressed my appreciation of this to them. It is the usual custom of the brethren to come to lodge without their Masonic aprons, and to wear a cotton one provided by the lodges. I have been impressing upon the brethren of Eastern District that a cotton apron is not Masonic clothing, and I am glad to note that my impressions are now giving good results in the matter.

Chesterville Lodge is in a healthy financial condition with W. Bro. S. H. Hutt as Secretary. The lodge records and finances are in good hands.

Avonmore Lodge, No. 452. Coming down by train from Chesterville and being met here by the District Secretary and several of the Cornwall brethren, I visited this lodge on the evening of May 1st W. Bros. A. H. McMillan and John McRae introduced me to the Worshipful Master, W. Bro. John W. Shaver.

This lodge is composed mostly of stalwart sons of the soil,' who certainly know how to dispense hospitality in the real old highland fashion, and as Masons know their work and how to do it.

Their finances and records are well looked after by Bro. S. E. Shaver, one of the stalwarts of this Eastern District.

A social hour was spent at the banquet table, not in any set form of speech making, but as a real family gathering, which goes to prove that the urban and rural lodges are getting to know and appreciate each other

better, a point which I have tried to stress during my term of office, with some success.

Cardinal Lodge No. 491. Accompanied by the District Secretary, W. Bro. John Hunter and several of the Cornwall brethren, I visited this lodge on the evening of their regular communication, May 4th.

This was one of the most delightful trips of the whole year. The distance between Cornwall and Cardinal is 42 miles and the road follows the majestic St. Lawrence all the way, banked by some of the most beautiful scenery in this fair Province, including the Longue Sault Rapids and with an ideal spring evening going, and a full moon for the return journey, I was fully repaid for the dark rainy nights I have experienced on some of my previous visits this spring.

On arriving at the lodge I was introduced to the Worshipful Master, W. Bro. Fred Serviss by R.W. Bro. W. T. Kingston and V.W. Bro. Walker, two finer types of men could not be found in all this fair Dominion of Canada.

The second degree was exemplified to the accompaniment of the musical ritual, by the W. Master, W. Bro. Serviss assisted by three Past Masters perfect in all particulars including the lecture by the Senior Warden, Bro. H. A. Amell.

V.W. Bro. Walker delivered the charge to the candidate in a highly commendable and dignified manner—in a word the work in every department of this lodge is perfect in every detail. The secretary R.W. Bro. W. T. Kingston has the finances and records of the lodge in perfect order and is fully alive to every requirement of the successful working of a Masonic lodge. R.W. Bro. Kingston will be remembered by Grand Lodge as one of the most efficient D.D.G.M's. Eastern District has ever had, and I know of no brother who is more loved and respected by the brethren of his lodge than R.W. Bro. Kingston, secretary of Cardinal lodge No. 491.

Martintown Lodge No. 596. On the evening of May 10th, I made my official visit to this the Baby Lodge of Eastern District, accompanied by the Dist. Secy. and a good representation of the brethren of Cornwall lodge.

I was introduced to the Worshipful Master, W. Bro. John Maclennan by W. Bro. Dr. M. J. Sproule and W. Bro. Dr. H. L. Cheney of Alexandria Lodge. Martintown is situated in the heart of a fine farming district about thirteen miles distant from Cornwall. This young lodge is growing steadily in the hands of stalwart Glengarrians. The furniture and furnishings are of the best and the landmarks are well guarded. The Master and Wardens being well skilled in the work of the Craft.

Plantagenet Lodge No. 186, Riceville, Ont. This old and honourable lodge I visited at their regular communication on Monday, May 28th my personal comforts being previously arranged for by R.W. Bro. M. W. Shepherd, the pillar of wisdom in Eastern District.

I was escorted to the lodge and presented to the Worshipful Master and Brethren by R.W. Bro. Shepherd and V.W. Bro. G. A. Ryan.

I was agreeably surprised to find such a fine lodge property in this rural centre, and further to find that it was entirely free of debt. The brethren of this lodge are to be commended for the energy exerted and the interest displayed in Masonry. There was no degree work to be conferred, but W. Bro. G. A. Kelly and officers opened and closed the several degrees and in each degree the different officers gave proof of their proficiency in the working and a knowledge of the meaning of it and teaching to be conveyed thereby. It is a practice worthy of recommendation for other lodges to adopt on a night they would not have degrees to confer.

Plantagenet Lodge owes much of its success to R.W. Bro. M. W. Shepherd's indefatigable exertion, whose mind is a structure of Masonic knowledge which he displays not only in the lodge, but in his daily intercourses with his fellow men giving a living example of Masonic principles as a man and a Mason.

St. John's Lodge No. 21a, Vankleek Hill, Ont. Continuing my journey from Riceville by way of Plantagenet I arrived at Vankleek Hill during the forenoon of Tuesday, May 29th, and had thereby an opportunity of making friendly calls on some of the brethren whom I have known and whose friendship I have prized for many years. My official visit to this lodge in the evening was most interesting, having again the pleasure of meeting R.W. Bros. Shepherd, Bradley, and McRae.

I was introduced to the Worshipful Master, W. Bro. Hall by R.W. Bro. A. D. McKee and V.W. Bro. S. N. Morrison. The first degree was conferred by W. Bro. Hall and his efficient officers in a faultless manner.

This is a very old and historic lodge, their original warrant was granted by the Grand Lodge of Ireland and is dated 1844 and was numbered 159. This of course is cancelled and replaced by a warrant issued by the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario and Number 21a. The furniture and hangings of the lodge are very interesting on account of their antiquity.

A large delegation of visiting brethren were present, half of the lodges in this district being represented at this meeting.

This fine old lodge is in splendid working condition in every particular, the secretary, Bro. W. E. Sparham has the complete records of the lodge from its inception to the present in perfect order.

Williamsburg Lodge, No. 480. Accompanied by W. Bro. G. H. Cottrell, ruling master of Cornwall lodge No. 125, I paid my official visit to this the Mother Lodge of R.W. Bro. C. F. Whittaker, P.D.D.G.M. of Eastern District on Thursday May 31st, arriving at the lodge I was introduced to the Worshipful Mater W. Bro. M. S. Beckstead, by V.W. Bro. Orlin Becker, and W. Bro. Orrin Wylie. The third degree was conferred on a well posted candidate by the W. Master and his officers in a very creditable manner.

The Secretary, W. Bro. J. A. Bakley is a very painstaking officer his books and records are well kept and the lodge is very prosperous.

Maxville Lodge No. 418. Accompanied by several brethren of Cornwall Lodge I made my official visit to this lodge on the evening of June 8th.

I was introduced to the Worshipful Master W. Bro. Hugh Blair by R.W. Bro. F. W. Munro of Maxville Lodge and R.W. Bro. M.W. Shepherd of Plantagenet Lodge. There was a large gathering of the brethren of Maxville Lodge and a splendid delegation of visiting brethren from Kemptville, Chesterville, Lancaster, Martintown, Plantagenet, Avonmore, Cornwall and St. Johns, Vankleek Hill.

Maxville No. 418 was the mother lodge of our late chairman on condition of masonry R.W. Bro. Thomas Shanks, who first saw light in Masonry in this lodge on November 14th, 1893.

The books and records of this lodge are well kept by the genial and obliging Secretary, Bro. W. Stirling MacLean, and with such stalwarts in Masonry as R.W. Bro. T. W. Munro and W. Bro. Dr. Munro at the helm Maxville stands second to none in the District.

As there were no degrees to confer and the evening being very warm I examined the officers briefly in other important branches of the work in which they proved to be very proficient.

I was again glad to have the presence of R.W. Bros. M. W. Shepherd and G. Bradley who have been exceedingly kind to me during my term of office.

In conclusion, I would state that the condition of Masonry in Eastern District is excellent. The spirit of true brotherhood prevails in all the lodges. A deep devotion to the cause of Masonry was manifested by the Past District Deputy Grand Masters and the Past Masters of the lodges

I have endeavoured to impress the brethren with the necessity of giving every assistance and encouragement to the growing boys of their respective communities as the greatest asset of a nation is its young manhood and it is our duty as Masons to do our part in making it the best.

My sincere thanks are gratefully tendered to the Past District Deputy Grand Masters for their unfailing kindness and assistance throughout the year, and the Past Masters, Ruling Masters, Wardens and brethren throughout the whole district for their kind courtesy, and real highland hospitality, which will ever be remembered by me.

The year just closing will be remembered by me as one of the most instructive and happy periods of my life. I have enjoyed meeting old friends and forming new ones in the different lodges of the District, and I trust that these will continue until time shall be no more.

I bespeak for my successor the same generous treatment from the brethren who know a man and a Mason and will treat him four square.

Fraternally yours,

J. C. MACFARLANE,

D.D.G.M. Eastern District.

FRONTENAC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M., of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration, the report of my stewardship as representative, in Frontenac District, of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master for the past Masonic year.

My first word however, should be one expressive of my high appreciation of the great honour conferred on me by my brethren in electing me to this high and responsible office—that of being your representative in this extensive district for the past year. It is indeed a great honour to be selected for such an office by those with whom one has had years of close association. I thank them most sincerely for their kindness and confidence.

I desire also to acknowledge with grateful appreciation the loyalty shown by and the great assistance received from Past District Deputy Grand Masters and other Past Grand Lodge Officers; the Worshipful Masters of the term, whose names are mentioned in reference to visits to the various lodges, the very large number of Past Masters and brethren generally who supported me greatly by attending meetings and in other ways. I wish especially to acknowledge the great kindnesses shown to myself and those who accompanied me on visits to the most distant places, when we were so hospitably entertained by the Masters and Past Masters of the various lodges. I owe much to my immediate predecessor, R.W. Bro. Carscallen, who attended many meetings, and made three official visits for me during my illness.

My first official duty was to appoint W. Bro. Charles Higgins as the District Secretary with instructions to the various lodges of the district of my appointment as D.D.G.M. for Frontenac District.

The Grand Master's visit to Ancient St. John's Lodge, No. 3, G.R.C. took place in Kingston, Thursday, March 1st, 1928.

One of the most prominent events, and possibly the most successful social and fraternal evening, since the acquiring of the new Masonic Temple, was the District Meeting, and reception in honor and recognition of the Most Worshipful, the Honourable John S. Martin, Grand Master, held on Thursday evening, March 1st, 1928.

By reason of the Grand Master being unable to personally visit the various subordinate lodges in the district, a general invitation was extended to the entire Frontenac Masonic Division, and the excellent accommodating facilities of the Temple were taxed to overflowing. A most representative gathering attended, numbering fully five hundred. The new Temple afforded excellent opportunities for the reception of the Grand Master. The ceremonies of the evening were under the jurisdiction of Ancient Saint John's Lodge No. 3, and the Grand Master, upon being introduced and welcomed in open lodge, briefly acknowledged his reception, and upon the completion of the degree, a novel and outstanding inovation was introduced, in that every member present had the special privilege and distinction of personally greeting and shaking hands with the Grand Master.

The visit of the Grand Master provided an excellent opportunity for the various City Lodges to demonstrate in a practical way that loyal spirit of harmonious cooperation which has so earnestly manifested itself in the past, and realizing the magnificent opportunity afforded to exemplify the ritual before the visiting brethren, a Musical First Degree was exemplified with credit to the respective Officers of the five City Lodges.

At ten o'clock p.m. a banquet was held in the Assembly Hall of the Temple, it being impossible to accommodate all the brethren who wished to attend. The address of the evening was the response to the toast: "To the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of On-

tario," admirably and eloquently delivered by the Most Worshipful, the Hon. John S. Martin, who spoke most encouragingly of the magnificent fraternal, co-operative spirit which permeated the entire Frontenac Masonic District. Evidences of this friendly relationship of the City and Suburban Lodges were apparent on every side, and the many benefits derived from this brotherly co-partnership were bound to be beneficial, advantageous, and of a lasting nature. He spoke glowing words of tribute to the Officers and Brethren, through whose energies this condition was made possible. His main message to the Brethren regarding the importance and great possibilities of our Masonic Fraternity, as a whole, was most extensive, unlimited, and of a national character. Canada as a young country is slowly but surely taking her place among the great nations of the world. Endowed with great potential possibilities, numerous problems were arising, and would continue to develop from time to time, in which the fraternal hand of Masonic Brotherhood would play a most important, sympathetic, and instructive part.

Chiefly among these was the question of Immigration, that great charitable and all-wise undertaking; the underprivileged boy, particularly those from the Mother Country, were most vividly, and interestingly described, the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master being of the opinion that along these lines of brotherly relationship, in connection with the young men who are coming to this land, the order of Masonry now, and in the days to come, would play a most prominent, outstanding and advantageous part, not only to themselves, but to the Dominion at large.

The meeting from a social Masonic standpoint was perhaps one of the most successful and outstanding in the history of the Limestone City.

A Lodge of Instruction for Frontenac District was held on May 22nd, The work was beautifully exemplified by the three older Lodges of the City of Kingston—Minden 253, Cataraqui 92, Ancient St. Johns Lodge 3.

Lodge opened at 2.15 p.m. Minden Lodge conferring first degree with music—there were 55 members present.

4.30 p.m. Cataraqui Lodge exemplified 2nd degree with music, 95 members being present.

7.30 Ancient St. John's Lodge exemplified 3rd degree with music and a board of trial was conducted by W. Bro. Higgins, and W. Bro. VanAlstyne; three registers were used and three hundred were present. W. Bro. P. G. C. Campbell gave an excellent address at the banquet on "What is a Symbol.?" This lecture was full of interest because of the beautiful work put on by the three City Lodges. Personally, I want to express my thanks to all the Officers who took part in making this lodge of instruction a success and to Prof. P. G. C. Campbell for his valuable assistance and instructive lecture on "What is a Symbol.?"

Leeds Lodge No. 201, Gananoque. Visited this lodge on March 3rd. I was accorded a most hearty reception from the W. Master, Officers and Brethren, being presented by W. Bro. Battams. The second degree was exemplified in a creditable manner, assisted by the newly organized Masonic Choir.

Leeds Lodge is particularly fortunate in possessing a beautiful hall, and recreation rooms. R.W. Bro. Lott and W. B. Wilson continue to take a deep interest in the working and welfare of this lodge.

May 18th my official visit to Union Lodge, No. 9 Napanee. R.W. Bro. Herrington and W. Bro. Bell presented me to W. Bro. Wilson, officers and one hundred and twenty members present. Union Lodge can receive the D.D.G.M with the greatest ease and true masonic spirit of any lodge in the district. You certainly feel at ease and at home from the time you enter the lodge; the Reception Committee hand you the freedom of the lodge. W. B. Higgins and Bro. Rathman who accompanied me speak in glowing terms of their welcome. The banquet was a grand

success and the music from the quartette was worth the drive from Kingston any time. The work by W. Bro. Wilson, R.W. Bro. Herrington and W. Bro. Reid cannot be surpassed by any team from the Frontenac District. I scarcely know why but it seems to be there was some special solemnity about the working of this lodge, that does not appear in the work of any other lodge in the District.

Maple Leaf Lodge No. 119 at Bath was visited on May 28th, 1928, in company with W. Bro. Higgins and a number of other brothers from the Kingston and Napanee Lodges. In spite of the very disagreeable weather a large number of visiting brethren were present, some of whom came from considerable distances. Among these were several brothers from Craig Lodge, Deseronto, in Prince Edward District. This is a true indication of the splendid fraternal spirit prevailing among these lodges and also of the reputation for hospitality which Maple Leaf Lodge has so deservedly won.

The D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. Harvey Milne was introduced by R.W. Bro. Northmore and V.W. Bro. Robinson, two pillars of strength in this lodge. The Fellowcraft degree was very capably conferred by the officers of the lodge on a well prepared candidate, the work of W.M. Burrell and his Wardens being particularly commendable. R.W. Bro. W. S. Herrington of Napanee addressed the brothers on the subject of "The Origin of Symbolism" which proved both instructive and interesting to everyone present. W. M. Pierce of Craig Lodge introduced some very clever character songs and a quartette of brothers from Kingston added to the enjoyment of the evening with a number of vocal selections.

Owing to the number present the lodge room was not as comfortable as it might have been on account of lack of proper ventilating facilities. This condition prevails in several lodges in the district and if remedied would materially increase the comfort of the brothers and the efficiency of the degree work.

Maple Leaf Lodge is to be congratulated on the addition made to the banquet hall in their temple during the past year, as it has provided not only the members of the craft but the community generally with a splendid large hall and stage for dancing, concerts, meetings and banqueting purposes.

Jan. 3rd officially visited Minden Lodge No. 253. W. Bro. Brunke occupied the chair and conferred the first degree in full on his own son. This was one very unique visit, which made history for Minden Lodge. The choir and music by the orchestra made the ceremony very impressive. A very happy hour was spent with Merry Minstrels of Minden Lodge at the fourth degree.

R.W. Bro. Carscallen visited officially Frontenac Lodge, No. 621, Sharbot Lake, Rideau Lodge No. 460, Seeley's Bay and Lorne Lodge No. 404, Tamworth. All three lodges confered different degrees and are capable of doing excellent work for this district.

Feb. 22nd visited officially Queen's Lodge, No. 578, W. Bro. P. G. C. Campbell and W. Bro. Austin introduced me to W. Bro. Jolliffe, officers and brethren. W. Bro. Higgins installed the Senior Warden, Bro. McKee after which two candidates were initiated into the mysteries of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons. Bro. Smith of Picton gave a lecture on the pillars and the great lights in first degree.

Royal Edward Lodge No. 585. My official visit was a pleasure to our baby lodge. The work of W. Bro. Hitsman and officers was a credit to the Masons of Kingston. It was impossible to find a loop hole in the degree. The candidate was exceptionally bright to grasp the mysteries. Royal Edward Lodge will make a success under the guidance of W. Bro. Saunders, W. Bro. Bearance, W. Bro. Singleton and W. Bro.. M. Johnston. Good results are expected in the future from our Baby Lodge.

I visted Prince of Wales Lodge No. 146, Newburgh on Nov. 6th, W. Bros. Higgins, Richardson, Crawford and Bro. Dunlop assisted me in conducting a Lodge of Instruction. The members of Prince of Wales Lodge are exceptionally well trained in all questions and landmarks. Under the guidance of W. Bro. Salote, and R.W. Bro. Aylsworth the work of the officers is a credit to their teachers.

Cataraqui Lodge No. 92, March 9th, 1928. The lodge was opened at a quarter to eight. The ordinary business being transacted the W.M. asked V.W. Bro. H. Graham and W. Bro. G. Boss to retire and act as a deputation to introduce the R.W. Bro. Harvey J. Milne, D.D.G.M. Frontenac District, on his official visit, who being introduced to the lodge as such the W. Master royally welcomed him and asked him to approach the east and assume the gavel, after a few well chosen remarks, the W. Master again assumed the gavel and proceeded with the work of initiation which was exemplified in a most creditable manner, by the officers of the lodge assisted by several Past Masters, who were highly complimented by the D.D.G.M. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the representative of the M.W. the Grand Master who made a suitable reply.

The lodge was closed in harmony at half past ten, the members then adjourned to the banquet hall, where an hour of real entertainment was enjoyed by all.

June 7th. Officially visited the Ancient St. John's Lodge, No. 3, Kingston. Received a real welcome from the Master and brethren present. I was introduced by W. Bro. B. H. A. Davis and W. Bro. Cannon Smith. The first degree was conferred by W. Bro. Kidd and officers, W. Bro. Saunders, W. Bro. Davis, W. Bro. H. Edgar and W. Bro. Bibson. A very pleasant hour was spent in the banquet room.

St. Andrew's Lodge No. 497, Arden.

I officially visited this lodge with six Brethren from Minden Lodge. It was the Master's request that I hold a School of Instruction and Board of Trial for the benefit of sixty brethren present. All present injoyed the work and St. Andrew's lodge has taken a very keen interest since my visit. During my term of office I have encouraged the lodges to visit with their neighbor lodge and confer some one of the three degrees. This suggestion has proven a success.

Oct. 3rd, my first official visit was made to Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 228, Odessa. W. Bros. Richardson, Mullen, Higgins, Crawford, VanAlstyne, Van Horne and ten brethren from Minden Lodge assisted me in performing Board of Trial, and a School of Instruction. All present seemed to enjoy the new method adopted by me in making the meeting a successful one, all expressing thanks for renewing their many obligations to their lodge. The officers opened and closed in three degrees.

Oct. 6th. visited Victoria Lodge, No. 299, Centerville. Several Past Masters accompanied me on this occasion. Victoria Lodge can do their work real well and could answer the questions in all three degrees. The officers and brethren have a good conductor in all the degrees, under R.W. Bro. Carscallen. The fourth degree was put on by Mason's wives, and is a credit to the excellent work and preparing the bounties for the brethren. R. W. Bro. Herrington and Bro. Richardson were the speakers of the evening. The ladies held a very prominent part in speech making as well.

Oct. 5th, officially visited Albion Lodge, No. 109, Harrowsmith. W. Bros. Richardson, Higgins, Mullen and several members of the Merry Minstrels of Minden Lodge, 253, accompanied me on this occasion. Their excellent entertainment greatly pleased the hundred and twenty present. We continued our School of Instruction as on previous visits to the other lodges. Some Past Masters visited five lodges where we unravelled the mysteries of Masonry, all going home with a finer conception of their duty to their

lodge and sincerity to Masons. The following Friday night nine past Masters accompanied me to Albion Lodge and conferred the third degree on the brethren.

Nov. 12th. I had the honor of installing the officers of Queen's Lodge, No. 578, Kingston, assisted by W. Bro. Dr. W. T. Connell. Bro. Smith gave a lecture on the "Pillars and Great Lights in Masonry".

Nov. 7th unofficially visited Simpson Lodge, 157, Newboro, and received R.W. Bro. Dargavel. There was no work and I cannot report on this lodge. W. Bro. Dargavel presented his uncle, R.W. Bro. J. R. Dargavel with a long service medal.

Dec. 7th. W. Bro. Higgins assisted me in the Election of Officers Westport Lodge, No. 44, Westport. W. Bro. McGuire was elected Master and with the assistance of W. Bro. McCulloch, W. B. Breakenridge this lodge will report good progress for next year, having several applications at the present time.

Dec. 27th officially installed the Ancient St. John's, Cataraqui, Minden and Royal Edward Lodges of Kingston.

Masonry in Frontenac District is of a very high standard, the work being so well done that I had very little to criticize; in fact it was more praise. What little I had to say in reference to the work, I am sure, was received in the same Masonic spirit in which it was given.

My term will close very soon. I have enjoyed the work. The experience has been valuable indeed. The office so gracefully bestowed on me will pass to another and I am sure my successor will have, as I have had, a full measure of kind consideration, loyal support and brotherly love, all of which contributes so much to make the duties both easy and pleasant.

Respectfully submitted,

HARVEY MILNE,
D.D.G.M. Frontenac District.

GEORGIAN DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

It is with a great amount of pleasure that I submit my report on the condition of Masonry in Georgian District.

I desire first to thank the brethren of this Georgian District for electing me as the representative of the Grand Master which is the greatest honor in their power to bestow. I have endeavored to carry out the duties of the office in my humble way and to the satisfaction of all and I trust no act of mine will cast reflection on the dignity of Masonry. I have endeavored at all times to present the aims and objects of the Institution and the benefit derived by the daily study and application of its teachings.

My first official act after my election was to appoint W. Bro. Roy R. Coleman District Secretary, and Bro. Rev. A. P. Kennedy, District Chaplain, to both of these brethren I owe a great debt of gratitude also to all the P.D.D.G.M's. of Georgian District, who were at all times ready and willing to assist me, and to them largely is due the efficient and excellent work that is being done by the lodges throughout the District.

During the year I have visited the nineteen lodges in the District the harmony that exists throughout the district is most gratifying: the exchange of visits between the members of the lodges and the active part taken by the Past Masters is playing an important part and is of great strength to the Masters and Officers.

I regret very much that I was unable to arrange for a visit of the Grand Master to Georgian District,

during my term but trust we shall have the pleasure in the near future.

Official Visits.

Georgian Lodge No. 384, I visited Georgian Lodge, on November 3rd. I was accompanied by a number of brethren from Cookstown and received a very cordial welcome, the attendance was small, a number of the members being engaged on the lakes, others on their annual hunting trip, was the reason for the small attendance. There being no candidate the W.M. and his officers opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees in a very efficient manner, under the guiding hands of R.W. Bro. Martin Keefe the success of this lodge is assured.

Victoria Lodge No. 470, on Nov. 9th in company of W. Bro. Arnold and Bro. Cullingham I paid my official visit to this lodge and was given a very fine reception, a number of visitors from Earl Kitchener lodge were present. W. Bro. McMahon and his officers exemplified the F.C. degree, although the work was not all that could be desired yet the officers appeared to know the work, they apparently lost confidence, which failed to leave any impression on the candidate. I feel assured that Victoria lodge can and will maintain its high standard of work. They have very comfortable quarters. R.W.Bro Brown and W. Bro. Schissler are both valuable members of the lodge. Bro. Schissler keeps the books in excellent shape.

On Nov. 14th I visited Seven Star Lodge No. 285, Alliston, accompanied by my brethren of Cookstown, and received a very hearty welcome at the hands of R.W. Bro. Cunningham and the members of Seven Star lodge. W. Bro. Hand with his officers conferred the second degree in an excellent way and were deserving of the congratulations I was pleased to offer. A very pleasing ceremony was carried out when a goodly number of brethren from True Blue lodge No. 98 Bolton, paid a fraternal visit to Seven Star lodge and joined with them in presenting to R.W. Bro. Rev. P. N. Knight a beautiful set of Grand Chaplain's regalia.

Beaver Lodge No. 234, Clarkesburg. I visited this lodge on Jan. 31st. The attendance was good considering the cold weather. W. Bro Weller and the officers exemplified the F.C. degree in an almost perfect manner (some of whom had to drive in from the country a distance of eleven miles) on a candidate who I have reason to believe will be a great asset to Beaver lodge. This lodge is to be congratulated on their beautiful lodge room and equipment, also on the number of P.Ms. who attend the meetings particularly R.W. Bro. Pye and W. Bro. Hartman both having passed the fifty year mark in Masonry. The secretary's books are well kept and the first records of the lodge are exceedingly well preserved. Altogether Beaver Lodge has a bright outlook.

Manito Lodge No. 90 Collingwood. I had the pleasure of visiting this the oldest lodge in the District on Feb. 14th and was well looked after by V.W. Bro. Whipps. The work was the exemplifying of the First Degree and W. Bro. Trott left no chance for me to criticize, the J.W. delivered his lecture in an impressive manner. Manito lodge is loyally supported by the Past Masters and have a large and well equipped lodge room. After the meeting a splendid banquet was provided at the Globe Hotel to which about a hundred members and visitors sat down and altogether a very pleasant time was spent.

Pythagoras Lodge No. 137, Meaford. On Feb. 15th I received a truly Masonic welcome from the brethren of Pythagoras Lodge. The weather being somewhat cold and stormy the turnout of members was not large The Master Mason's Degree was well conferred on a brother whom I had to congratulate on his efficiency in the work of the preceding degree. The Junior Warden was unable to be present on account of illness which was much regretted by the brethren of the lodge. The P.Ms. are a pillar of strength to this lodge. W. Bro. Findley's books are models.

Kerr Lodge No. 230, Barrie. On Feb. 15th I was received as the representative of the Grand

Master by a good attendance of the members of the lodge, also a number of visiting brethren of Corinthian and other lodges. W. Bro. Emms and his officers exemplified the E.A. degree with full musical ritual. I feel that the use of the musical ritual adds to the beauty of this ceremony. W. Bro. Lyons, a P.M. who is well over the four score years impressed me very much by the manner in which he delivered the charge in the N.E. V.W. Bro. Fred Marr another P.M. of Kerr lodge is over seventy. Both of these brethren are highly deserving of the high esteem in which they are held by the members. A splendid banquet was served in the Kiwanis Club rooms the social hour being profitably spent in speeches, music and song. Again on May 19th I had opportunity of attending a P.M.s' night in Kerr lodge and was pleased indeed to see W. Bro. Merrick, an old school mate of mine, occupy the chair . This meeting was again evidence of the part the P.Ms. are taking in the interest of Masonry.

Karnak Lodge No. 492. On Feb. 21st by begging a fare on a freight train I arrived in Coldwater, but was tendered a real warm reception by the brethren of Karnak lodge. The weather being very cold and the roads filled with snow few members from the country were able to attend. There being no candidate the lodge was opened in the three degrees which was done to my entire satisfaction.

And I am convinced that the work of Karnak lodge compares favorably with any in the District. At this meeting I had the honor of presenting W. Bro. F. W. Brown the I.P.M. with a P.M.'s jewel as a token of respect from the members of his lodge.

Earl Kitchener Lodge No. 538, Port McNicol. I visited this lodge on Feb. 28th. The F.C. degree was conferred by W. Bro. Carson and officers with great credit to themselves and it was a pleasure for me to compliment them on their work. The lodge is also to be congratulated on having a number of very able P.Ms. who loyally support the officers. The at-

tendance was very good. I was pleased to again meet a number of the members of Victoria lodge among whom was an old member of my own lodge, Bro. Rev. G. I. Craw, who added to the success of the banquet by his address on Canada.

Caledonian Lodge No. 249, Midland on March 5th. After a cold and tedious journey I arrived late but was rewarded by the presence of a large attendance of members of the lodge together with a number of visitors. The First Degree was exemplified in a beautiful and impressive way. This lodge has long enjoyed the reputation for good work and is one of the largest lodges in Georgian District. They also have large and well appointed lodge quarters. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation of a P.M.'s jewel to the I.P.M., W. Bro. Preston by W. Bro. Dudley R.W. Bro. Keefe coming from Penetanguishene gave an inspiring address which was much appreciated by all.

On April 2nd, accompanied by R.W. Bro. T. McKnight and a number of brethren of Manitoba lodge I paid my visit of inspection to Spry Lodge No. 385, Beeton. There being a good turnout though the condition of the roads was bad. The W.M. Bro. Baycroft and his officers passed a candidate to the Second Degree in a most efficient manner. Spry Lodge is well supported by its P.Ms. and is one of the best in the district. I wish to convey my appreciation of the many acts of kindness shown me by the members of Spry Lodge.

On April 12th the occasion of my official visit to Corinthian Lodge No. 96, Barrie, I received a cordial welcome, many of the P.D.D.G.Ms. and prominent Masons of Georgian District being present. After the usual business of the lodge was gone through the W.M. W. Bro. Reeve asked R.W. Bro. Alex. Cowan to assume the chair . The other officers of the lodge also vacated their chairs which being then taken by members of the Supreme Council 33° degree when R.W. Bro. Cowan conferred the E.A. degree on his son Ross; the ceremony was performed with full

musical ritual in a very impressive manner, deserving the highest commendation I could offer. At the conclusion of this unique ceremony the officers again assumed their places and another pleasing event took place, it being the occasion of the presentation of a P.M.'s jewel to R.W. Bro. W. N. Duff by the officers and members of Kerr Lodge, Barrie, of which R.W. Bro. Duff is a highly esteemed P.M. These two lodges use the same lodge room which is well equipped and I am glad to say that a beautiful spirit of Masonic friendship and brotherly love exists between these sister lodges.

Northern Light Lodge No. 466, Stayner, visited this lodge on May 1st. There was a large attendance of the members and many visitors from the neighboring lodges who filled the lodgeroom to overflowing. W. Bro. O. G. Bernhardt and his officers exemplified the work of the First Degree in a way that was indeed a credit to themselves and particularly, R.W. Bro. Campbell in the final charge to the candidate. With two past Grand Lodge Officers and the enthusiastic P.Ms. the continued prosperity of Northern Light Lodge is assured.

Orillia Lodge No. 192, Orillia. I visited this lodge on May 4th and had the pleasure of seeing the First Degree conferred by W. Bro. Swinton and his officers. The W.M. is fully alive to the duties of his office and is ably supported by a loyal staff of officers. Owing to the large number of candidates being admitted ample opportunity is afforded for work in all the degrees which are impressively conferred. This is the largest lodge in the district and are to be congratulated on their beautiful lodgerooms.

Nitetis Lodge No. 444. Creemore. In company with a number of the Cookstown brethren I visited Nitetis on May 15th. A good attendance of members and visitors from the surrounding lodges including a number from Grey District. The reception accorded me was very enthusiastic the work as exemplified by the officers of this lodge leave no room for criticism. With the comfortable quarters and the loyal assist-

ance of R.W. Bro. Mills and a number of live P.Ms. continued prosperity is in store for our brethren of Creemore.

Tottenham Lodge No. 467. Again accompanied by the Cookstown brethren I visited Tottenham on May 23rd. The attendance was not as large as I had expected. I was pleased to see an old associate and friend initiated into the mysteries of Masonry. While the W.M. and his officers have the work well in hand they failed to give the impression and dignity due the work of Masonry. I took occasion to point out to them the importance of the solemnity due our ceremonies. In W. Bro. J. J. McKnight the lodge has an efficient secretary and with the number of young officers prospects are bright.

On May 29th I received a royal welcome at the hands of the members of Minerva Lodge No. 306, the lodgeroom being filled to overflowing. The work of the evening, the conferring of the F.C. degree on two candidates, one of whom was Bro. Rev. Brown, who at the previous meeting of this lodge had the unique distinction of being initiated by his four sons and a son-in-law who came from Orillia and Coldwater to occupy the principal chairs and confer the first degree on a much respected father. This lodge is well known for the excellent work in conferring degrees, also for their hospitality and on this occasion they surely excelled themselves.

Coronation Lodge No. 466, Elmvale. I made my visit of inspection to this lodge on June 1st, and was greeted by an overflowing lodgeroom and a most cordial welcome. The W.M. Dr. Corcoran and his officers conducted the business of the lodge in a thorough businesslike way and conferred the E.A. degree in a manner that merited the congratulations I was pleased to offer. R.W. Bros. Keefe and Bethune were present and in their usual good style addressed the brethren at the splendid banquet provided by the ladies of the Anglican Church, and everyone felt that a very pleasant and profitable evening had been spent.

My final visit being to my Mother Lodge, Manitoba Lodge No. 236, Cookstown. On this occasion I invited R.W. Bro. Alex. Cowan to accompany me and inspect the work there was a large attendance of the members and many visiting brethren from all parts of the district, filling the lodge room beyond its capacity. The work of the evening was the conferring of the F.C. Degree and notwithstanding the crowded condition of the room, R.W. Bro. Cowan congratulated the Master, W. Bro. Morrison and his officers on their efficiency. He also pointed out the need of a larger lodge room and I hope the members will consider this matter seriously. Among the visitors present were R.W. Bro. Knight, Grand Chaplain, and R.W. Bro. Dr. Cunningham, who added much to the success of the evening. The Junior Warden received many compliments on the splendid banquet provided by the ladies of the Woman's Institute. To R.W. Bro. McKnight. our efficient secretary, and to the officers and members of Manitoba Lodge I I wish to convey my appreciation of the many kind acts shown to me and I feel that to them I owe a debt of gratitude that I can never repay.

Just as I was about to finish this report I received the afflicting intelligence of the death of R.W. Bro. M. S. Keller, P.D.D.G.M. of Georgian District and a member of Caledonian Lodge No. 249, Midland. R.W. Bro. Keller during his term as D.D.G.M. endeared himself to every lodge throughout the district by his many acts of kindness and words of encouragement to the brethren.

In conclusion I desire to tender my sincere thanks to the brethren of Georgian District for their kind assistance during my term of office. I have endeavored in my own humble way to fulfil the duties of the office and I trust that the confidence placed in me has not been misused in the interests of the Craft. My services have been more than repaid by the wholehearted hospitality and support I have received. As the representative of the Grand Master I have been accorded the greatest deference and I lay down the mantle of office with feelings of gladness and sor-

row. I am indeed glad to be relieved of labor and responsibility so onerous, but sorry to part officially from my brethren and bespeak for my successor the same loyal co-operation that has been accorded to me.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. ROBINSON,

D.D.G.M. Georgian District.

GREY DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honour of submitting my report on the condition of Masonry in Grey District for the Masonic year just closing.

In reviewing my work for the District and my associations with all the lodges, a number of facts stand out which I would like to mention: First, there has been a wonderful unanimity of spirit, of friendship and good fellowship wherever I have gone and this is particularly gratifying in view of the rather unusual circumstances which led to my appointment by the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master. The same delightful spirit is strongly in evidence as between neighboring lodges and has resulted in a commendable amount of fraternal visiting. This exchange of work between visiting lodges is a valuable means of securing that uniformity in the presentation of the work of the degrees that is so desirable, and is still more valuable in the stimulus afforded to the officers to make themselves perfect in their parts.

The second outstanding fact that was impressed upon me in every lodge, without exception, was the very marked determination on the part of each brother in office or in a position of trust, to make his work as nearly perfect as possible, not only for his own satisfaction but for the honor of his lodge, that it should not lag behind but secure an enviable reputation among its sister lodges. That some should make more rapid progress than others is inevitable, but the prevalence of this determined spirit is a most encouraging sign to those who are watching over the destiny of the Craft in this District.

A third feature which deserves mention is the splendid type of men who are being admitted into our sacred precincts. I can not speak too highly of the care which is apparently being exercised in this regard. Our portals are being guarded against the admission of undesirable candidates and I rejoice in the splendid "material" that is being brought in from the "quarries".

It is very significant and most gratifying that during the periods of refreshments, when the restraint of place and circumstances is removed and the brethren relax for the full enjoyment of the social hour, that the elevating and inspiring atmosphere of the lodge room is not banished but maintained and extended in song, speech and story. The brethren of this district are using the opportunities thus afforded to good purpose and many informative and inspiring hours have been spent together with mutual pleasure and benefit.

In the matter of benevolence I find the lodges for the most part are making provision for the demands that are being made or will inevitably be made in the future. In those instances where no definite fund is provided for this purpose, an effort should be made to establish one, so that when the call does come, there will be means at hand to meet it.

It has been my privilege to be with each lodge in the District at least once during the year and the above observations have grown out of those visits.

The dates on which I made my official inspections were as follows:

October 7th, 1927—St. Alban's Lodge No. 200, Mt. Forest.
October 10th, 1927—Dundalk Lodge No. 449, Dundalk.
October 11th, 1927—Durham Lodge No. 305, Durham.

November 4th, 1927—Prince Arthur Lodge No. 333, Flesherton.

November 27th, 1927—Wellington Lodge No. 271, Erin.

February 1st, 1928—St. George's Lodge No. 88, Owen Sound.

February 1st, 1928—Star North Lodge No. 322, Owen Sound.

April 30th, 1928—Scott Lodge No. 421, Grand Valley.

May 1st, 1928—Hiram Lodge No. 490, Markdale.

May 11th, 1928--Lorne Lodge No. 377, Shelburne.

May 29th, 1928—Prince Arthur Lodge No. 334, Arthur.

June 5th, 1928—Harris Lodge, No. 216, Orangeville.

In every instance I was received with unfailing courtesy, and I wish here to express my grateful appreciation of the splendid support given me throughout my tenure of office.

In two instances for some years there have been unfortunate causes of disturbances but it gives me extreme satisfaction to report that in both cases, the difficulties have been overcome and now Masonic harmony reigns throughout the District and prosperity is blessing every lodge.

The outstanding event of the year was the visit of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, to this District on May 30th. The meeting was held in Owen Sound and to the brethren of the two lodges located there, acting as hosts, we owe to a large extent, the unequalled success of that great gathering. The Grand Master was accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, the Grand Senior Warden, R.W. Bro. George Fairley, the Grand Junior Warden R.W. Bro. Samuel Kirk, R.W. Bro. T. A. Carson and other past and present Grand Lodge officers. The addresses of these pre-eminent Masons will long be remembered by the largest gathering of its kind that Grey District has ever known.

It was a privilege of the District, through R.W. Bro. Rutherford to present to the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, a walking-stick which was intended to symbolize to him the loyal support and lasting regard of every Mason in this jurisdiction.

In concluding my report, I wish to mention particularly the generous support given me by the immediate P.D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. A. E. Colgan, who at considerable trouble to himself officiated at my installation, to R.W. Bro. Sam Patterson, to my District Secretary W. Bro. J. E. Smith, to the District Chaplain, Bro. Rev. H. Newton Smith of Arthur, and to the brethren of my mother lodge who accompanied me faithfully in all my journeys.

Fraternally submitted,

W. J. PRICE,

D.D.G.M. Grey District.

HAMILTON DISTRICT "A"

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honour to present herewith my report on the Condition of Freemasonry in Hamilton District "A", which I do with pleasure on the completion of my term of office as the representative in this district of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master.

I would like however, at the outset, to take this opportunity of conveying my sincere thanks and appreciation to the brethren of Hamilton District "A" for the very high honor they conferred on me at the last communication of Grand Lodge at Guelph, when they elected me the representative of the Most Worhsipful the Grand Master in this District.

One of my first official acts after assuming office was to appoint W. Bro. Geo. Milne, secy. of Dundurn Lodge, District Secretary, who accompanied me on all my official visits and rendered most efficient service.

W. Bro. John S. Drysdale very kindly acted as District Chaplain on nearly all of my visits.

General Conditions

I am pleased to be able to report Hamilton District "A" in a fairly prosperous position, both Masonically and financially, numerically however one or two of the lodges have remained stationary or made, but slight increase, this I found was largely due to a rather heavy death list during the current year. I am glad to report that on the whole suspensions were not above the average.

It has been my privilege and pleasure to officially visit every lodge in the District, once by appointment,

while on many other occasions I have visited and mingled with the brethren in a number of the lodges and derived much benefit and pleasure therefrom.

Keeping in mind the general instructions which Most W. Bro. E. T. Malone so strongly impressed upon the newly elected District Deputy Grand Masters at Guelph last year, R.W. Bro. F. W. Davidson, D.D.G.M. of B District, and myself, paid a joint fraternal visit to the Masters and Wardens Association of this city which proved to be a most profitable evening. We were introduced by W. Bro. C. M. Dent, and were most enthusiastically welcomed by W. Bro. George Sweatman, President of the Association, and by the other members as well. The purpose of this visit was not to deliver an address but rather to deal with important matters pertaining to the craft in general.

The matter of uniformity in the work was taken up, discussion was invited and freely entered into. Many intelligent questions were asked and dealt with, showing the great interest those enthusiastic officers were taking in their respective lodges and in the craft in general.

Perhaps this meeting with the ruling officers had something to do with the request for a lodge of instruction later on. This association, which is known as the Masters and Wardens Association of Hamilton was inaugurated by the late R.W. Bro. Frank Hills some eight years ago. It has done much to cement the fraternal relations amongst the officers of the lodges in Hamilton A and B Districts.

Average Attendance

With regard to the average attendance I find on summing up my reports that it ranges approximately from 18% to 35% with the older lodges at the lower percentage.

During my term of office I have had the pleasure of conducting the election of officers in a number of the lodges, which was, on the whole, a great pleasure.

I feel however, from my experience, I would strongly condemn the practice of electing down to the stewards. I cannot help but feel that this system is not the best interests of any lodge.

1st. It prolongs elections unnecessarily.

2nd. It places the choice of the future Masters in the hand of those not best qualified to know the full duties of the Masters.

3rd. It has a strong tendency to start solicitation.

Work

In regard to the degree work which I have witnessed on my visits I have only words of praise. First, second and third degrees were conferred and in every instance the work was done in such a manner that I feel sure the Grand Master himself would not find fault with it.

Perhaps one of the most striking examples of impressing a candidate was the rendition of the charge from the Book of Constitution in the second degree by Bro. Major Keating of Oakville Lodge who, in spite of his 92 years commanded the admiration of all present. I found that the work throughout the District was done fairly uniformly. I had occasion to call the attention of the Master of one lodge to the absence of columns on the pedestals of the Wardens, this has been remedied.

On all occasions I have tried to impress upon the officers that in degree work, the candidate is the principal figure; that he was getting first impressions of the Craft; that it was the duty of the officers to see that those impressions were such that the Craft would command his everlasting respect.

Benevolence

It is a great source of pleasure to me to learn that a number of the lodges in the District have made their benevolent work an outstanding feature of the year. Temple Lodge No. 324 deserve great credit for seeing to it that their contribution to benevolence for the year was larger than was expended in the banquetting room for the same period. Other lodges were well up in their contributions while in the rural districts the calls for assistance are much less numerous. In all between four and five thousand dollars has been distributed for this worthy cause by the lodges in Hamilton A. District.

Corinthian Lodge No. 513 have set a fine example for others to emulate in regard to visiting the sick brethren and I perhaps could not do better in my report than include the report of the chairman of the committee in care of the sick which speaks for itself.

"I beg to respectfully submit the report of the Committee in Care of the Sick for the year Nov. 1st, 1926 to Oct. 23rd, 1927.

"As you are aware your Committee is composed of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and members of the lodge who volunteer their services each Sunday to visit the large number whom we have on our list. This work which was started in a small way a few years ago has grown to such an extent that the Committee at times find it very difficult to give each brother visited more than a few minutes, but even this short call is, I can assure, very much appreciated. To the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Bro. D. R. Ekins, goes the credit of organizing and conducting the party each Sunday and it is to his untiring efforts that the work of the Caring for the Sick Masons in the City of Hamilton has attained the success it has.

To the large number of brethren who have contributed their time and cars I wish to express my sin-

cere appreciation for their co-operation in assisting in this effort of the lodge.

During the year we made 673 visits or an average of 13 calls each Sunday. On these visits we had an average of five brethren so that we made a total of, 3365 individual calls. Our expenditure for fruit, etc. for the sick was approximately $140.00 a very small amount as compared with the number of calls made."

Waterdown Lodge in a very practical way is laying the foundation for a benevolent fund by laying aside 10% of all the dues and initiation fees which will no doubt in time permit them to have a substantial benevolent fund; an example that other lodges would do well to follow.

Receptions

I had the pleasure of attending a number of the receptions that were arranged for the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers. At all these receptions one could always hear an optimistic keynote on the flourishing condition of our great fraternal order. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master John S. Martin occupies a very high place in the estimation of the brethren in all the places I have visited.

Passings

It is with feelings of regret and sorrow that I have to record the passing of two distinguished brethren from this District. R.W. Bro. Frank Hills, Past D.D.G.M. passed to his reward on Oct. 23, 1927. Right Wor. Bro. Dr. J. O. McGregor of Waterdown, P.D.D.G.M. who passed to his reward on April 22, 1928. Both of these distinguished brethren have served the craft faithfully and honourably and both were gentlemen who were highly respected in their respective communities.

Lodge of Instruction

A Lodge of Instruction was requested and held jointly on Saturday, May 12, under Dispensation granted to Dundurn Lodge No. 475, representing Hamilton District A, and St. Andrew's Lodge No. 593, representing Hamilton District B. The lodge was opened at 2.30 in the afternoon and the work of the first degree was immediately begun. W. Bro. Geo. Richmond W.M. of the Barton Lodge presided in this degree. W. Bro. J. H. Gibson W.M. of the Lodge of Strict Observance presided in the 2nd degree. W. Bro. R. Huxtable, W.M. of Dundurn Lodge presided in the 3rd degree. On the whole the work of the three degrees was done in a most creditable and efficient manner.

Considerable discussion took place after the completion of each degree and undoubtedly the benefits derived from this Lodge of Instruction will do much to help along the lines of uniformity in the work.

Official Visits

Accompanied by my Secretary and others I officially visited every lodge in District A.

I feel deeply indebted to the following brethren who accompanied me on many of my visits. Not only was their presence appreciated, but their contributions in oratory, recitation and song were contributing factors in making the social part of meetings the pleasant affair they were.

R.W. Bro. H. W. Temple, Grand Registrar; R.W. Bro. C. E. Kelly; R.W. Bro. S. A. Wait; R.W. Bro. John Forth; V.W. Bro. T. W. Farmer, G.S. Works; V.W. Bro. Arthur Lavis; V.W. Bro. Arthur MacPherson; V.W. Bro. Jas. Hastings. Wor Bros. Geo. Walker, R. Huxtable, T. W. Appleton, J. R. Ellis, T. R. Hawkins, A. D. Baillie, W. J. Robinson, Geo. Sweatman, W. Atkinson, H. Ross, F. Barlow, W. J. Woods, J. Cochrane, Ewart G. Dixon, A. Oram,

Robt. McFarlane, Geo. Quackinbush, M. Scrimger, Lloyd Moore, J. A. Lindley, J. H. McCormack, Geo. Richmond, Robt. Gapes, Don Wilson, Doctor O'Reilly, J. D. Small, George Laidlaw, M. C. Thompson. Bros. B. B. Hodge, A. H. McKenzie, G. E. Brenholtz, J. L. Porteous, Fred Jarret, Walter Radcliffe, R. R. Diehl, Geo. Newlove, J. W. Craven, Jas. Shedden, J. H. Pickett, C. W. Fielding and a number of other brethren.

In closing my report, I wish to express my appreciation of the many kindnesses shown to me by the officers and members of the lodges throughout the whole district.

In relinquishing the reins of office I bespeak the same kind courtesy and consideration for my successor.

Fraternally submitted,

R. W. SMALL,

D.D.G.M. Hamilton District "A".

HAMILTON DISTRICT "B"

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers, and Members of Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honor and pleasure to submit my report of the work, and condition of Masonry in Hamilton District "B" for the past year.

In doing so, I desire to tender my sincere thanks to the brethren of this District for the great honor which they conferred upon me in July 1927 in unanimously electing me as their District Deputy Grand Master, and for the loyal support extended to me in the discharge of the important duties of this high office. The kind and courteous receptions tendered to me throughout the District were regarded by me as an evidence of the esteem and affection in which our Grand Master is held by the brethren, as well as their loyalty to Grand Lodge.

My first official duty was to appoint W. Bro. W. Hilton Wallace as District Secretary, and he has been most faithful, and efficient in the discharge of the duties of that office, and for the very valuable assistance rendered by him, I tender my sincere thanks.

I appointed W. Bro. John C. Munro as District Chaplain, and to him I also desire to express my appreciation for his valuable services in that capacity.

I am deeply grateful to a large number of Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers, Past Masters and brethren who have accompanied me on my official visits throughout the District, and who assisted in making those visits most inspiring and enjoyable, and by placing their cars at my disposal, they made it possible for a great number of the brethren to visit the rural lodges of the District.

Among those who accompanied me on practically all my visits were R.W. Bro. H. W. Temple, Grand Registrar; R.W. Bros. S. A. Wait, C. E. Kelly, John Forth, Wm. Ostler, F. A. Latshaw, V.W. Bros. Arthur Lavis, A. S. McPherson, Donald Munro, T. W. Farmer. W. Bros. J. A. Robinson, Robt. Clark, E. E. Walker, T. H. Simpson, J. C. Gordon, Dougall Turner, E. L. Ackerman, James Baird, G. A. Sweetman, R. F. Hill, G. A. McCullough, R. Wismer, John Macbeth, C. H. Nix, James Fram, A. E. Thrasher and J. C. Cochrane.

I am also greatly indebted to the following who contributed to the musical part of the program in the banquet room: Bros. Hugh E. Allard, George Newlove, George McQueen, Walter McQueen, Ham. Stove, J. Whitmore, J. Buscombe, Fred Davidson, Jr., Stewart Davidson, Master Billie Wallace, and the St. Andrew's Glee Club under the able direction of Bro. John McDonald.

Masonry throughout the District is in a flourishing and prosperous condition. The work of the Worshipful Masters and Officers is of a high degree of efficiency, leaving little to criticize, but much to commend. I find them, both enthusiastic and conscientious in the discharge of their duties. The work generally, is exemplified in a very dignified manner, and must therefore make an impression on the lives of the brethren.

The spirit of harmony is very pronounced throughout the entire district. The Past Masters, and officers are doing a good work, rendering a real service to the craft, and ever keeping the high ideals of Masonry before the brethren.

The District Secretary reports that as far as he had the opportunity of examining the books of the various secretaries of the district, they are well and properly kept. The secretaries are nearly all Past Masters, and are a great help to the Worshipful Masters. They are conscientious in their duties,

and to my mind the secretarial work of the lodges is in good hands.

Both Hamilton Districts "A" and "B" suffered a great loss in the sudden death of R.W. Bro. Frank Hills, who passed away on October 23rd, 1927. R.W. Bro. Hills was elected District Deputy Grand Master of Hamilton district in the year 1922, and by his genial personality endeared himself to the brethren of both districts and will be greatly missed. In all his wide and varied experience as a Mason, he, in every way, by thought, word and deed, upheld, the highest ideals of Masonry, and brought honor to the Craft. More extended reference will be found in the report on "Fraternal Dead".

The Ruling Masters and Wardens Association invited R.W. Bro. R. W. Small, D.D.G.M. District "A" and myself to meet with them on Dec. 7th, 1927, with a view of having more uniformity in the work of the degrees. There were many questions in connection with the work, and condition of Masonry generally, taken up, and we feel that the meeting was productive of good, and will no doubt help a great deal in making the work in the various lodges uniform.

Dedication and Consecration

On Sept. 13th, 1927 the ceremony of Dedication and Consecration of Beach Lodge No. 639 was conducted by R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, Deputy Grand Master, assisted by a large number of Hamilton brethren of both districts. The address of our Deputy Grand Master in the banquet room was an inspiration to us all.

Lodge of Instruction

At the request of the Ruling Masters and Wardens Association, the District Deputies of Districts "A" and "B" granted dispensations to Dundurn Lodge No. 475, and St. Andrew's Lodge No. 593, respectively to hold a lodge of Instruction, Saturday May 12th, again with the idea of more uniformity

in the work, and to correct a few minor errors that had crept into the work. They also considered that a Lodge of Instruction would be beneficial to the junior officers who were prevented from attending a previous meeting we had with the members of that Association on December 7th.

The Worshipful Masters conducting the Degrees were as follows: First Degree, W. Bro. G. K. Richmond, The Barton Lodge No. 6; Second Degree, W. Bro. J. H. Gibson, The Lodge of Strict Observance, No. 27; Third Degree, W. Bro. R. Huxtable, The Dundurn Lodge, No. 475.

The teams exemplifying the work of the three degrees were selected, and represented every lodge in the City of Hamilton. Their work was practically faultless and was greatly appreciated by the brethren present. Following the completion of each degree, the brethren were encouraged to present questions relating to the work, which were considered and answered by R.W. Bro. Small, and myself.

I am confident that the Lodge of Instruction was productive of much good, and I feel that the lodges of both districts have benefited greatly, and I am sure the work will be more uniform throughout the districts. I would strongly recommend that a Lodge of Instruction be held in Districts "A" and "B" more frequently in the future.

Official Visits

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 593, Sept. 28th, 1928. My first official visit was paid to St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 593, of which I have the honor to be the Secretary, and had the extreme pleasure, and privilege of conferring the initiation ceremony on my son. In conferring the degree I had the assistance of a large number of Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers, and for their assistance I feel very grateful. After the degree had been exemplified R.W. Bro. John Forth, P.D.D.G.M. on behalf of the brethren of

Hamilton District "B" presented me with the regalia of my office, which I very much appreciate. V.W. Bro. Donald Munro, Grand Steward also received the regalia of office at the hands of R.W. Bro. C. E. Kelly, P.D.D.G.M. who made the presentation on behalf of the brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge. V.W. Bro. Munro was the first Worshipful Master of this Lodge, and his appointment was very popular throughout the Hamilton Districts.

An event which touched me very much was the presentation by my son, whom I had just initiated, of a beautiful set of Undress Regalia, on behalf of the brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge. It was indeed the greatest meeting of my Masonic career. Among the many distinguished guests present from outside the district were R.W. Bro. George Fairley, G.S.W., R.W. Bro. Sam Kirk, G.J.W., V.W. Bros. D. Grigg, and W. E. Robson, Toronto.

St. Andrew's Lodge is in a very prosperous condition, W. Bro. James Baird is a splendid ritualist, and with a well balanced set of officers, has the work well in hand. This Lodge included in its membership a large number of brethren from the land of the heather, and many brethren, through this lodge have met old friends whom they have not seen for many years, and by these renewed friendships, create new enthusiasm in the hearts of many Masons who no doubt would be lost to the Order. The prospects of this lodge are very bright.

Buchanan Lodge No. 550. I visited this lodge on October 6th, and conducted their election of officers. It was a very enjoyable meeting. The Worshipful Master, W. Bro. John Turner is doing good work, and ably assisted by a good staff of Officers and Past Masters. The Secretary, Bro. W. Peberdy has his books in very fine shape. However he decided to give up the secretaryship, and presented his resignation at this meeting. W. Bro. William Davies was elected to succeed him. W. Bro. Davies was the first secretary of Buchanan Lodge, and the lodge is very fortunate at this time in having him again accept

the office. This lodge is in good financial condition, and their statement for the year preceding my visit showed that no member had been suspended for N.P. D. which speaks well for the work of Bro. Perberdy.

Beach Lodge, No. 639. This young lodge was visited by me on Oct. 11th, when the officers were installed and invested. The ceremony of Installation was in charge of R.W. Bro. John Forth, P.D.D.G.M., and was ably assisted by a number of Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers and Past Masters of the District. This lodge now meets in their new building and the brethren are to be congratulated in erecting so fine a temple to Masonry in this Disrict. W. Bro. T. N. Lowe is the first Worshipful Master, and is ably assisted by W. Bro. R. D. Berry, Secretary. This lodge is in a good financial condition.

Electric Lodge, No. 495. I visited this lodge on October 19th, and found it in a very prosperous condition, and had the great pleasure of conducting their election of officers. This lodge is exceptionally well ruled by W. Bro. Bert Culm, who is very energetic and thorough in his work. He has a very able staff of officers, and Past Masters. R.W. Bro. W. F. Montague is the secretary, and the lodge is extremely fortunate in having such an efficient officer. He has occupied this office for many years, and by his knowledge of the affairs of the lodge, he is able to render excellent service.

Enniskillen Lodge No. 185. Visited this lodge officially on October 24th, 1927, and enjoyed a bright and interesting meeting. My predecessor R.W. Bro. Mark Senn is a valued member of this lodge. While no degree was exemplified, I know from visits I have made in the past, that their work is of a very high order. At this meeting, R.W. Bro. H. W. Temple, Grand Registrar, presented Grand Lodge Regalia to V.W. Bro. Reg. Murdock, Grand Steward on behalf of the brethren of Enniskillen Lodge. V.W. Bro. Murdock rendered excellent service as District Secretary to R.W. Bro. Mark Senn, during his term of office. This lodge is in fair condition, although it has

not added to its membership, during the past year, yet its members are loyal, and possessed of true Masonic principles.

Ionic Lodge No. 549. I visited this lodge on November 2nd, 1927, and conducted their election of officers, and the harmonious way in which they elected their officers speaks well for the condition of Masonry in Ionic lodge. The Worshipful Master, W. Bro. R. C. Whitfield and his officers know their work, and in the officers elected, the lodge will continue to grow and prosper. The Secretary, R.W. Bro. Smith A. Wait, P.D.D.G.M., is exceedingly well fitted for the office. His books are in splendid shape, and are a credit to himself and the lodge.

Union Lodge No. 7. My official visit to Union Lodge was made on November 3rd. The Worshipful Master, W. Bro. C. H. Walker, and his officers exemplified the Third Degree in a most creditable manner. Seldom have I had the pleasure of witnessing this beautiful degree conferred more impressively than on this occasion. The quartette assisted greatly, and added to the solemnity of the work. One of the most enthusiastic masons at this meeting was Bro. Nelson Teeter, who first saw the light of Masonry in Union Lodge Nov. 2nd, 1865 and is therefore sixty-two years a Mason, and a member of Union Lodge. He still attends the meetings regularly, surely a wonderful brother, and a great example for the younger brethren in this jurisdiction. The financial condition of the lodge is fair. At this meeting they showed a large amount of outstanding dues. I took the matter up with the Worshipful Master, with a view of assisting him in some way to improve their condition, and to the credit of Wor. Bro. Walker he set himself to the task, with the result that a great proportion of the dues have been collected, and I am sure my successor will find Union Lodge in excellent shape. I cannot speak too highly of the work done in this connection by W. Bro. Walker.

Harmony Lodge, No. 57. I officially visited this lodge on Nov. 9th, 1927 and enjoyed a wonderful

meeting. The lodge room was filled to capacity with one hundred in the ante room unable to enter. Knowing the efficient manner in which the work is exemplified by the Officers and Past Masters of Harmony Lodge, I considered it wise, under the circumstances to dispense with the work of the evening. There were brethren present representing practically every lodge in the district, as well as many from other districts. A large number of Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers together with many Past Masters accompanied me on this visit. This is one of the most popular lodges in the district, and is noted for its unbounded hospitality. They have a good set of officers, with W. Bro. E. Hendershott as Wor Master, and W. Bro. Jas. D. Rose as secretary. They own their lodge room, and the lodge is in a flourishing condition, their prospects are very bright indeed.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 62. This lodge, I visited officially on Nov. 17th, 1927, which was somewhat disappointing owing to the absence of the Worshipful Master, W. Bro. Chas. Warner, who now resides at Cannington, Ont., and who unfortunately missed his train. There was no degree conferred, however they have a good set of officers, and are capable of conferring any of the degrees. The inclemency of the weather affected the attendance somewhat, but a very pleasant evening was spent, and after refreshments had been served, a program of music and addresses was enjoyed by all present. R. W. Bro. J. L. Mitchener, D.D.G.M. of Brant District was also present, and favored the brethren with a most interesting and instructive address. This lodge is in good financial condition, W. Bro. T. J. Hicks is the secretary, and has his books in good shape.

Wardrope Lodge No. 555. Visited Wardrope Lodge officially on Nov. 28th, 1927, and conducted their election of officers. The meeting was very harmonious, and the selection of their officers was practically unanimous. This lodge has prospered under the able guidance of W. Bro. Fred. L. Thompson, who is supported by good officers, loyal Past Masters, and enthusiastic members, with R.W. Bro. John Forth,

P.D.D.G.M. in the office of Secretary, in addition to being a good secretary, R.W. Bro. Forth is a ritualist of exceptional ability. This lodge has enjoyed wonderful prosperity since its institution.

Wentworth Lodge, No. 166. On December 5th, 1927, I visited Wentworth Lodge and received a most enthusiastic welcome from the Worshipful Master, W. Bro. S. H. McCombs, and the brethren. I had the pleasure of coducting their election of officers which was most harmonious, this being very characteristic of the brethren of Wentworth Lodge. The lodge was distinctly honored at this meeting with the presence of R.W. Bro. Sam. Kirk, Grand Junior Warden, and who was accompanied by V.W. Bro. Major Grant, a Mason of 59 years standing, and still full of vigor. The past year has been very successful, and with the officers keen, earnest and enthusiastic in the work, their success will continue. The Past Masters attend the lodge regularly and contribute a great deal to the effective working of the lodge. Bro. J. H. Lee makes a very efficient secretary, and he prospects of the lodge are bright.

Acacia Lodge No. 61. I visited Acacia Lodge on December 9th, and conducted their election of Officers. This lodge has the largest membership in the District, and is very progressive. It is in excellent financial condition. W. Bro. Rolland F. Hill has the work well in hand, and makes an exceedingly good Worshpiful Master. R.W. Bro. C. E. Kelly, P.D.D.G.M., has been secretary for many years and is exceptionally well fitted for the position, and in addition to being a good secretary, he is one of the best speakers that can be secured for our Banquet Rooms.

The Lodge of Strict Observance, No. 27. Visited this lodge on Dec. 16th, 1927, and conducted their elections, their selection of officers being unanimous. The enthusiastic reception I received from W. Bro. C. M. Dent, and the brethren of this lodge will be long remembered by me. W. Bro. Dent makes an ideal Master, he is very efficient in his work, and is

supported by a goodly number of loyal Past Masters. This lodge is in a good financial condition, and with W. Bro. H. W. Linton as Secretary, the books are in excellent hands.

Doric Lodge No. 382. On December 19th, 1927, I visited Doric Lodge and conducted the election of officers. A pleasant feature of the evening was the election of Secretary and Treasurer of R.W. Bro. Dr. C. V. Emory, and R.W. Bro. James Dixon for their thirty-third term in their respective offices. Doric lodge is in a very prosperous condition, and have a very efficient set of officers, and the prospects of the lodge are very bright. We were honored at this meeting with a visit from R.W. Bro. J. Fralick, D.D. G.M. of the Niagara District and the evening was a very pleasant one indeed.

Hillcrest Lodge No. 594. Visited this lodge on May 14th, and witnessed a First Degree conferred by W. Bro. M. J. Lockley, and his officers in a very efficient manner. The work was exceedingly well done, and showed that strict attention had been paid to the work of the Lodge of Instruction just two nights previously. The Past Masters are loyal and enthusiastic, and a great assistance to the lodge. The secretary is Bro. R. C. Bennett, and he has his books in splendid shape. The prospects of Hillcrest Lodge are bright.

Lincoln Lodge, No. 544. I paid my official visit to Lincoln Lodge, Abingdon on May 25th, and as there was no work to proceed with, I requested the Worshipful Master, and his officers to open and close the lodge in the three degrees, which they did in a very creditable manner. There was a large representation from the lodges in the district, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The officers of the lodge are all young men, and appear to have the work well in hand. The secretary, Bro. T. F. McHinnell has the books of the lodge in good shape.

The Lodges throughout the District are practising the true spirit of Masonry in their contributions

to benevolence, and are not passing on to the Benevolent Fund of Grand Lodge an undue portion of their own responsibilities, but are all doing a good benevolent work.

In conclusion, I desire to again express my gratitude to the brethren for the honor conferred on me last year, and for the many kindnesses I have received. It has been a year of great inspiration to me, and I am sure I bespeak for my successor, the same hearty and loyal support which the brethren so generously extended to me.

Fraternally submitted,

F. W. DAVIDSON,

D.D.G.M. Hamilton District "B".

LONDON DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

With full sense of appreciation of the honor bestowed upon me by the brethren of this district in electing me as their District Deputy Grand Master I take much pleasure in submitting my report to you on the condition of Masonry in London District for the masonic year that is just closing.

In compliance with the wishes of Grand Lodge, I shall endeavor to make my reports as brief as possible and in the paragraphs that follow I will try to tell how well Masonry is flourishing in this District.

V.W. Bro. C. E. Jackson kindly consented to act as my secretary for the first part of my official year, after which I appointed W. Bro. Richard Dengate to fill that office for the remaining months. I am deeply indebted to both for their services for which I express my hearty appreciation.

An event of much importance was the official visit of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master the Hon. John S. Martin, to our District on April 18th. He was accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary. The meeting was largely attended by the brethren from all over the district, every lodge being represented. I am sure that the coming to our district of such distinguished guests will long be remembered by the brethren who were present.

I am greatly indebted to the brethren of my Mother Lodge for the wonderful support they have given me throughout the year and to the Wor. Master the Secretary and W. Bro. Harry Martin, who were with me at every meeting.

My first visit in my official capacity was paid to St. George's Lodge, No. 42 London on October 6th. I was given a very cordial welcome by the lodge and their many visitors. W. Bro. Mitchell and his able staff of officers covered the first degree in a very excellent manner upon a fine young candidate. I am sure that St. George's Lodge No. 42 is in a very flourishing condition and a very bright future is in store for them.

On October 13th was my next official visit, which was to King Solomon, No. 378, London. There was a large attendance of visitors and many R.Wor. Sirs which was indeed very gratifying to me. The first degree was worked by W. Bro. Skinner and his officers in a faultless manner. A very pleasing feature of this meeting to me was the number of brethren from the rural lodges. Rev. Bro. Todd, Pastor of Nairn Presbyterian Church was the speaker of the evening. Bro. Todd is just a few months out from Ireland, his address was indeed very interesting.

I am pleased to note too that the number of exchanges of fraternal visits of the different lodges of this district, particularly the city with the country lodges. This to me is a very pleasant and profitable practice for both and I am anxious to see it encouraged.

On October 16th we had a joint Divine Service of all the lodges of the district in St. Paul's Cathedral, London. It was very largely attended, some twelve hundred Blue Masons being in parade with several hundred outsiders unable to gain admittance. We listened to a very wonderful sermon delivered by M.W. Bro. Canon Shatford of Montreal who is a P.Most Wor. of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. I feel certain that this service will long be remembered by the Masons of this district.

The brethren of my Mother Lodge, feeling that too many meetings were coming in quick succession (which does have a strong tendency toward distracting the interest of the brethren) arranged for an emergency meeting to be held on October 21st for the

purpose of receiving me and to confer degrees. This meeting was largely attended by brethren from all parts of the district and owing to the largeness of the gathering we had to dispense with the degree work and just spend a social hour together, which was very much enjoyed by all those present. The banquet, which was held in the lower hall was in the usual Nilestown No. 345 style and at which I was the recipient of a beautiful silver tea service from the officers and members of my Mother Lodge through the hands of my very esteemed life long friend and brother V.W. Bro. C. E. Jackson. My family and myself are more grateful than I can say for this beautiful gift and the evening of October 21st, 1927, will long remain in our memory.

On October 28th I visited Moffatt Lodge No. 399 of Harrietsville and found this lodge in a very splendid condition. Wor. Bro. Geo. Jelly and officers worked the E.A. Degree in a faultless manner. After the work in the lodge room we enjoyed a wonderful banquet in the lower hall prepared by the ladies of the village church. There was a happy hour of music and addresses. Moffatt Lodge under the leadership of W. Bro. Jelly is making nice progress.

November 1st was the date of my official visit to Corinthian Lodge No. 330, London. I was received in a wonderful way by the brethren and their large number of visitors. W. Bro. Roy Malone worked the E.A. degree with the assistance of his able staff of officers in their usual capable manner and I am very glad to be able to report that this lodge is making splendid progress. At the banquet which followed the degree work we were entertained by music and all listened with much interest to a very inspiring and instructive address by Rev. Bro. J. Bruce Hunter of Metropolitan United Church, London.

Belmont Lodge was visited on November 4th and was very largely attended by visiting brethren from many sister lodges of the district. W. Bro. Pier and his very efficient staff of officers put on the first degree in a faultless manner. A very pleasing and appro-

priate presentation was made before lodge closed to Rt. W. Bro. R. F. O'Neil, who was made a mason in this lodge fifty years ago and who at the present time is very active member of Merrill Lodge No. 344. The presentation was made by R.W. Bro. W. C. Moore and was replied to very suitably. After lodge was closed we adjourned to the United Church where the ladies had prepared a splendid banquet. Music and songs by a quartet from London was enjoyed by all and an inspiring address by Rev. Bro. Miller, also of London, was a feature of the evening. I am sure that the brethren that attended this meeting will not soon forget the wonderful evening we spent together at Belmont Lodge No. 190 on the evening of November 4th, 1928.

My official visit to Middlesex Lodge No. 379 was on the evening of November 9th. The brethren being disappointed in the arrival of their candidate, had no work. They passed and raised the lodge however, this was very nicely done. After closing we spent a very pleasant hour getting acquainted and listening to some very fine addresses from the visiting brethren, which were many. This lodge should be able to do a wonderful masonic work in its jurisdiction.

By special request the brethren of Merrill Lodge No. 344 consented to hold an emergency meeting on the evening of November 18th for the purpose of my official visit. This was a splendid meeting largely attended by brethren from all parts of the district. W. Bro. Sanborn and his officers worked the first degree most perfectly. After lodge was closed we adjourned to the City Hall where the ladies had prepared a wonderful banquet and a pleasant social hour was spent.

On November 25th was the date of my official visit to Temple Lodge No. 597, London. This was a large meeting attended by members and many visiting brethren, particularly from the sister lodges of the rural district, which fact is very pleasing to me. W. Bro. Carrothers exemplified the first degree in a very able manner. I am happy to say that Temple

Lodge is a great credit to this district. The Masonic Temple being taxed to overflowing with many other gatherings on this evening, Temple Lodge was unable to find space for their usual banquet, which fact was expressed with deep regret by W.M. and Wor. Bro. Trick.

My next visit was made to St. Paul's Lodge, Lambeth, on the evening of December 7th and was well attended by members and visiting brethren. W. Bro. Tyler and his efficient staff of officers worked the F.C. degree in a very able manner on a brilliant young candidate. It is very evident, with the splendid officers coming on, that St. Paul's Lodge will have a wonderful future. The usual banquet and social hour followed and was much enjoyed by all.

My first official visit of the New Year was made on January 14th to Acacia Lodge No. 580, London. A custom which this lodge has enjoyed since its inauguration is that of having the D.D.G.M. at the first meeting at which their newly installed master is working. W. Bro. George Overton and his officers are to be congratulated on the very excellent way in which they covered the first degree. Before the regular meeting was called we were entertained at a delightful banquet. Col. the Rev. Wm. Beattie gave a very inspiring address.

St. John's Lodge No. 209 was visited on February 3rd. This was a large and successful meeting. The work of the first degree was splendidly done. I am very grateful to the members of this lodge for the kind remembrance sent to my Mother in this, her eighty-ninth year. This was my Father's Mother Lodge. St. John's 209A are very prosperous and are doing splendid work. I wish to congratulate them on having a very efficient secretary.

On February 14th I visited St. John's Lodge No. 20, London. A large attendance greeted us and the reception was a cordial one. St. John's Lodge have the unique circumstances of having three of their members acting masters of lodges. One in a Toronto

lodge, one in Ashlar Lodge, this district and their own master W. Bro. Harry Hooper, who with his officers covered the first degree faultlessly. We have the extreme pleasure of again listening to Col. the Rev. Wm. Beattie of First United Church, London.

On March 5th I paid my official visit to The Tuscan Lodge, London. This was a very pleasant and successful meeting. W. Bro. Bro. Kennedy had the extreme and unique pleasure of conferring the first degree on his son, which he and his officers did in a manner close to perfection. W. Bro. Kennedy is very fortunate to have had such a great privilege. The usual Tuscan banquet followed and a pleasant social hour was enjoyed by all.

I visited Union Lodge No. 380 on March 12th. This was a well attended meeting and we spent a very pleasant and profitable evening together. W. Bro. Easton and his officers exemplified the first degree in a very able manner. Union Lodge is to be congratulated on the splendid work they are doing in this city.

On the 16th of March I visited Kilwinning Lodge No. 64, London, this being the last of my visits to the city lodges. There was a large turnout of members and visitors. The first degree, put on by W. Bro. Adams and his officers was a credit to the lodge. A banquet followed the closing of lodge in the usual Kilwinning style.

My visit to King Solomon Lodge No. 394, Thamesford, was on the evening of April 4th. This meeting was not as largely attended as I had hoped it would be on account of the poor condition of the country roads. W. Bro. Howard Hogg with his efficient staff of officers worked the second degree beautifully, the second degree being a change and a treat. A splendid banquet and happy social hour followed the closing of lodge.

Ashlar Lodge No. 610 at Byron was visited on the evening of the 23rd of April. A large number of

members and visiting brethren were present and enjoyed the working of the second degree as put on by W. Bro. Sanderson and his officers. After the closing of lodge we adjourned to the lower hall where we spent one of the most pleasant times together of any we have enjoyed this season.

On Saturday evening April 28th I paid my official visit to Myra Lodge No. 529, Komoka. W. Bro. Sinclair exemplified the first degree in a very able manner and was assisted by his efficient staff of officers. Their candidate being the only son of the Junior Warden. It was a great pleasure to see and hear the father give his son the lecture.

On the evening of the first day of May I visited Mt. Olivet Lodge No. 300, Thorndale. There being no work to do, W. Bro. Clarence Barter and his officers raised and lowered the lodge in the three degrees. The splendid way in which this was handled indicated that, had there been other work to do, it would have been equally well done. The ladies were present and had prepared a fine banquet in the lower hall. Rev. Bro. A. A. Bice of All Saints Anglican Church, London was the speaker of the evening.

Every mason in London district has a pleasant word to say about Doric Lodge No. 289 at Lobo and were present in large numbers on the evening of May 3rd, this being the occasion of the visit of the D.D.G. M. The very large attendance speaks volumes for the popularity of Doric Lodge. There being no work the W. Master, W. Bro. John McGregor and his officers raised and lowered the lodge in the three degrees in a very able manner and I feel sure that they could confer a degree equally as well. There were three Rev. Bros. present, which added much to the dignity of the gathering.

On the 10th of May, my official visit to Delaware Valley Lodge, No. 358 was made. This lodge is doing a wonderful work and I am glad to be able to say that they are getting back on their feet again after all the misfortune they have had in the past few

years, and the masonic spirit of the London district has gone out to the brethren of this lodge in the splendid way that it should. W. Bro. Weyler and his officers worked the second degree very ably. A fine banquet and social hour followed the closing of lodge.

I concluded my official visits at Henderson Lodge No. 388 of Ilderton, on May 28th. This was one of the most largely attended meetings of the year. W. Bro. Wall and his officers exemplified the first degree very capably. There was a wonderful benevolent and masonic spirit shown at this meeting, and their banquet which followed was one of the finest yet.

And now, Brethren, I have done. In a few weeks I shall hand to my successor the emblems of office which were placed in my hands last 20th of July in the City of Guelph.

As my mind wanders back on these few months, the memories that come crowding in upon me do not easily lend themselves to words. For all your forbearance, for all your assistance for all your unfailing loyalty and unmeasured kindness, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. And for you and each of yours I express the hope that the Great Giver of all good may deal kindly with you and yours in the years that are to come.

Fraternally submitted,

RUSSELL R. LEE,

D.D.G.M. London District.

MUSKOKA DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honor herewith to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in Muskoka District for the year ending June 24th, 1928. I wish first to express my sincere appreciation of the high honor which the brethren conferred upon me in electing me as the representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. The kindness, courtesy and hospitality that I received from the brethren throughout the district made the work a pleasant and agreeable one. I have endeavoured to discharge the duties involved to the best of my ability and to prove worthy of the honor and dignity becoming the office and I can only hope that your trust in me has not been unde ervedly bestowed.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. Fred Sharpe as Dist. Secretary, and W. Bro. Rev. J. B. Lindsall Dist. Chaplain, to both of whom I am deeply indebted for the kind co-operation and services they have rendered to me during the year. I also wish to acknowledge the assistance given me by V.W. Bro. Rev. Canon Allman, V.W. Bro. Bromby, Bro. Groves, and Bro. Corbett, also R.W. Bro. Col. Grant, and W. Bro. Dr. MacDonald of Huntsville, who accompanied me on all my official visits.

On account of the winters being so severe in Muskoka and Parry Sound, we decided to do away with the winter visits and make them in the fall and spring. This has proved a decided success, as the large attendance and enthusiasm has shown. The attendance at every meeting has been over the 100 mark. On October 10th I made my first official visit to my Mother Lodge, Golden Rule No. 409 at Gravenhurst, when I received a most hearty reception

from the Master, R.W. Bro. E. Clipsham, who is occupying the East for a second term. The Third Degree was exemplified in a most creditable manner. This lodge has a staff of very active Past Masters. The books are kept in a good condition by W. Bro. Butterworth, the Secretary and they have a very enthusiastic set of officers.

On Tuesday, Oct. 11th, I visited Algonquin Lodge No. 434, Emsdale, when we were cordially received by W. Bro. Sine, W.M. This lodge is very enthusiastic and has a live set of officers, and I am sure their future is very bright, under the leadership of W. Bro. Sine, and R.W. Bro. Jas. Metcalf, their excellent secretary.

On Oct. 12th I visited United Lodge No. 376, at Huntsville. This lodge has the distinction of having the son of W. Bro. Oscar Weiler, the secretary, occupying the chair in the East. W. Bro. Weiler not only had the pleasure of initiating his son into Masonry but also of installing him as Master of the lodge. This lodge is in a flourishing condition, as was shown by the number present, although it had rained all day and night.

On Monday, Oct. 17th, we visited Strong Lodge No. 423 at Sundridge, was cordially received by W. Bro. Laing, bring introduced by R.W. Bro. Church. who also is secretary. As no degree work, the evening was in the form of a Ladies' Night. Lodge opened and closed in First, Second and Third Degrees, in a most creditable manner.

I did not do any more visiting until Friday, May 11th, when I visited Powassan Lodge No. 443 at Powassan, where we were cordially received by W. Bro. Perkins. As there was no work on the tracing board, the lodge was opened and closed in the First, Second and Third Degrees in a very creditable manner. The books are kept in a first class condition by Bro. W. C. Porter.

On Monday, May 14th I visited Corona Lodge No. 454, it being Ladies' Night, no work was put on. W. Bro. R. T. Armstrong opened and closed in the First, Second and Third Degrees. There was present at this meeting seven P.D.D.G.M's. This lodge has a bright future, under W. Bro. Armstrong and R.W. Bro. Dr. J. J. Wilson, the secretary.

On Wednesday, May 16th, we visited Granite Lodge No. 352, at Parry Sound, were met by R.W. Bro. J. L. Moore, V.W. Bro. G. L. Ziegler, and taken for a drive around the town, which was enjoyed very much. The Third Degree was exemplified with full musical ritual. This is the only lodge in the district using the music and I am sure it is a credit to the officers and members of Granite Lodge.

On Tuesday, June 5th, I visited Muskoka Lodge No. 360 at Bracebridge. This was the closing visit. The Third Degree was conferred on Bro. Hutchinson by W. Bro. Mills, assisted by Past Masters of the lodge.

I wish to congratulate the secretaries of the different lodges, the books being in a most excellent condition and the finances all that could be desired.

In conclusion, I wish to convey to the many Past Masters and Masters in particular my appreciation of the many kindnesses extended to me during my official year.

I bespeak for my successor the same loyal support and brotherly love. May the same harmony and prosperity continue.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS GREAVETT,

D.D.G.M. Muskoka District.

NIAGARA DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I beg to herewith submit my report on the condition of Masonry in Niagara District No. 10 during the past year.

I first want to express my deep apeprciation to the brethren of this district in electing me to this, the highest honor it is in the power of the masons of the district to bestow on a brother; also to express my gratitude to the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master for ratification of my election at Guelph.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. H. E. Hilder of Copestone Lodge to the position of District Secretary. I was indeed fortunate in securing his consent to act in this capacity, as he has been very efficient and untiring in the discharge of his duties and an honor to the office to which he was appointed.

I am also deeply grateful to the several lodges for the many kind invitations to attend the different social functions held by them during the year, and, although it was impossible to attend many of them, it showed the fine spirit of goodwill and hospitality that prevails in this district.

It is a pleasure to report that Masonry is in a flourishing condition in the historical District of Niagara. We have a membership of upwards of five thousand, with twenty-five lodges. Fourteen lodges out of the twenty-five own their own lodge rooms and four more are contemplating the erection of temples for themselves. This is a splendid record, considering the membership of any one of them does not exceed five hundred and twenty-five. The average attendance is not as high as desired, but the dues

are fairly well kept up, and much credit is due the secretaries for the fine manner in which the books are kept. They are without exception, an enthusiastic and diligent group of men.

It would be an injustice on my part if I did not here mention the fine enthusiastic spirit of the past masters throughout this district. On all occasions they have shown themselves willing and capable to do any work if requested, and the registers show their names as regular attendants at the convocations of their lodges. This is as it should be, for who is more able to assist in the administration of the affairs of the lodge, than the past executive. Another beneficial feature, very much in vogue, is the exchange of visits between lodges. This is a powerful factor for the improvement of and standardization of the work as well as creating and maintaining that spirit of good-fellowship so essential to the welfare of our order.

It was my pleasant duty to dedicate three Masonic Temples during the last year. Merritton, Port Colborne, and Smithville.

These lodges certainly have fine quarters and built their temples on a sound financial basis.

If I may be permitted the space, I would like to express my views relative to the building of temples by our lodges.

The building of temples by the lodges is a very commendable undertaking, if it does not place the lodge in such a position financially, that they have to accept candidates of a lower moral standard, in order to pay the cost. Quality and not quantity makes for the best interests of masonry. An indifferent member is not an asset to the order and we should be meticulously careful in accepting candidates.

Unless a brother would be willing to accept a candidate in his own home, as a friend and associate, he should not accept him as a brother in the order.

Masonry as a system of morality should not be commercialized to the extent of building fine temples in which to work, for the few paltry dollars acquired from a candidate whose desire is to go through Masonry and not Masonry through him.

Niagara District has been especially favored during the year in having one fraternal visit by the Most Wor. the Grand Master, and two by the Right Wor. Deputy Grand Master. These visits were very much appreciated by the brethren of the district, in view of the fact that it means great sacrifices of both time and comfort on the part of these distinguished brethren, to favor us with their presence.

The work throughout the District has been uniformly good, and thoroughly shows the present officers of all the lodges are living up to the old traditions of their predecessors. There need be no apprehension felt as to the welfare of the order under the present and coming rulers of the craft in this No. 10 District.

On all occasions with the exception of two, I witnessed the working of one of the degrees. The one occasion, the candidate for the evening had the misfortune to fall and injure himself, so that he was unable to receive his degree. The other lodge "Copestone" at my request did not do any work on the night of my official visit, other than the general business; it being more in the nature of get-together meeting.

My first official visit was at Dufferin lodge No. 338 at Wellandport on the evening of October 4th. W. Bro. Covell and his officers conferred the second degree in a very efficient manner. This lodge has a very active lot of Past Masters and is in a flourishing condition. I was indeed pleased on this occasion to receive a visit from R.W. Bro. Fred Davidson of Hamilton "B" District. The books are in good shape and are under the watchful care of W. Bro. Gilmore.

On November 18th Copestone lodge held a Past District Deputies night to commemorate the first

meeting of the founders of this lodge fifty years ago. The chairs were filled with past D.D.G.Ms; the Master's being occupied by R.W. Bro. Pettit, M.P.P., who twenty years ago had the honor of representing the Grand Master in this district. Space will not permit the details of this pleasant and profitable meeting, but the representative gathering of the Masons of this district will be the means of cementing more firmly the strong ties of love and harmony that bind us together as members of the Craft.

On December 5th I visited Coronation Lodge, No. 502 at Smithville. The first degree was worked in a fine manner by W. Bro. E. Merritt and his officers. This lodge is in a very prosperous condition and have just completed the erection of a temple. On the night of my visit they received seven applications for initiation. I was very grateful to have with me on this occasion R.W. Bros. Wilson and Johnston.

On Jan. 20th I again had the pleasure of meeting the brethren of this lodge on the occasion of the dedication of their new temple. These brethren have erected a fine building for the size of the village and it is a monument to the enterprise of the present members and will be an inspiration to those who are to come after.

On Jan. 5th, fell the pleasant duty of dedicating Adanac Lode No. 614, situated at Merritton. This was a new and novel experience for me as heretofore the dedications had all been "witnessed" by me, and all the responsibilities were assumed by the other fellow. On account of the absence of any of the ruling Grand Lodge Officers, the occasion was fraught with uncertainties, and I am deeply grateful to R.W. Bros. Wilson, Ross and Johnston for the splendid help rendered. I made my official visit to this lodge on March 1st. The third degree was worked by W. Bro. Sutherland and his officers in a manner that left nothing to be desired; in fact quite in keeping with the ardent spirit of Masonry shown by their new lodge rooms. The books are kept in fine shape by W. Bro. H. L. Savigny.

Jan. 10th, another dedication. One of the red letter dates in the history of McNab Lodge, No. 169, at Port Colborne. This edifice is a credit, not only to the brethren of this ambitious lakeside town,but also to the community it serves. Its style of architecture and the fine taste shown in the decorations shows that much time and thought have been used by the building committee. It was expected the Most Wor. the Grand Master would officiate at the dedication, but on account of the affairs of state, he was not able to attend. R.W. Bro. Logan was in attendance and after the ceremonies gave the brethren a very instructive historical talk on the idiosyncrasies of the man in whose honor the lodge was named.

On March 13th I made my official visit to this lodge, W. Bro. Steed and his officers worked the third degree in a fine and impressive manner. On account of the town hockey team playing on this date in the semi-final for the Allan Cup the attendance was small, but the welcome was none the less warm and cordial. This lodge is in good financial condition and W. Bro. Hicks keeps an orderly set of books.

I had the pleasure of officially visiting Maple Leaf Lodge No. 103 at St. Catharines on Jan. 26th. W. Bro. J. Abbott Shaw and officers worked the first degree in a faultless manner. The impressive manner in which the Junior Warden did his work was indeed worthy of special mention. This lodge is in splendid financial condition. W. Bro. A. E. Coombs as secretary, keeps his books in good shape.

Jan. 31st. On this date I visited Ivy Lodge No. 115 at Beamsville. The third degree was exemplified for my inspection. The high quality of the work as well as the fine personality of the officers, made the visit with this lodge a real treat. I cannot let the opportunity pass without commenting on the fine way these brethren have their lodge room decorated. It shows fine taste on the part of the designer. W. Bro. Tufford rules this lodge and W. Bro. Fairbrother is an efficient secretary.

I visited King Edward VII lodge No. 471 on Feb. 1st. This was the first opportunity I have had of visiting this progressive little lodge. They own their own temple and it was built almost entirely by the members. These brethren donated the time spent in building, and it is a credit to Chippawa. The third degree was worked well and impressively. There was a very large attendance and the brethren were well repaid for turning out on the coldest night of the season by seeing the work so ably rendered. W. Bro. D. O. Rowe rules this lodge and Bro. E. G. McKenzie presides over a well kept set of books.

Feb. 7th. I visited St. George's Lodge No. 16 at St. Catharines. These brethren are fortunate enough to be in the gold braid class and I congratulate them on the splendid history of old St. Georges lodge. W. Bro. Sam. Kearns and his efficient officers worked a first degree in a manner quite in keeping with the traditions of this lodge, beautifully and impressive. The books are in the capable hands of Bro. A. N. Lindsay.

Feb. 8th. It was on this date I made my official visit to Amity Lodge No. 32 at Dunnville. As there were no candidates for any of the degrees, I again visited them on the night of May 9th, when they worked the first degree in a very good manner. This lodge has not been very fortunate in the way of applications of late, but I understand that there is some material coming through at present. W. Bro. Logie presides over the destinies of the lodge and the books are well kept by Bro. S. W. Lymburner.

I visited Temple Lodge No. 29 at St. Catharines on the night of Feb. 15th. The first degree was worked in a manner that left no room for criticism. W. Bro. W. D. Hoyles, the master of this lodge, and his officers receive splendid support from the past masters. The running expenses of this lodge are entirely taken care of by dues. The other lodges in this district would do well to emulate Temple lodge along these lines. Many financial difficulties could be eliminated if the Masonic lodges were all run the same. Business-

like W. Bro. C. A. Brown is the right man in the right place as secretary of this lodge. His books are an example of neatness and efficiency.

On Feb. 20th I witnessed the second degree at Adoniram Lodge No. 573 at Niagara Falls. It was well done and reflects credit to W. Bro. T. Rulry and his officers. W. Bro. Charles Stringer as secretary is responsible for the fine shape the books are kept in.

Feb. 29th I visited Niagara Lodge No. 2, at Old Niagara. W. Bro. Gilleland and officers worked the first degree in a very able manner. Working within the walls of this historic lodge should be an inspiration to the brother who is so fortunate to be elected to an office. They have great traditions to uphold, as this lodge has been running since 1775. Bro. A. J. Wood is not only a devoted secretary, but is an authority on the history of Masonry in this lodge.

March 5th I visited Merritt Lodge No. 168 at Welland. The third degree was put on in a manner that cannot be expressed adequately in other words than "splendid". W. Bro. Boyd and his officers do their work in a very deliberate and impressive manner. V.W. Bro. Brennan, the secretary, is a faithful officer and his books are witness of his care and thoroughness. After the lodge, at the banquet, W. Bro. W. B. Ross of Toronto as the speaker of the evening, gave a splendid address on "The Man and the Mason."

I visited Mountain Lodge No. 221 at Thorold on Mar. 8th, W. Bro. Chas. Weaver and officers exemplified the first degree in a manner that left no room for criticism. This lodge is in a flourishing condition and possesses a great asset to its prosperity in "Mountain Club". W. Bro. W. J. Mable is the proficient secretary of this lodge.

Mar. 12th was the occasion of my visit to Perfection lodge No. 616 at St. Catharines. This is the youngest lodge in this city. The second degree was

worked in good form. I regret that on account of sickness some of the officers were not able to attend; not that the quality of the work suffered in the least, but I would have liked to have seen the regular officers perform. This lodge demands certain qualities in the applicants for membership that are not provided for in the constitution. They hope by this means to keep this lodge at an extremely high standard. W Bro. Griffith rules and the books are in the capable hands of W. Bro. G. L. Sherk.

I visited Seymour Lodge No. 277, on March 14th. The second degree was worked in a faultless manner by W. Bro. Gordon and officers. It was impossible to accommodate the brethren that turned out on this occasion, but ample provision was made for them at the banquet following. R.W. Bro. T. O. Johnston keeps the records and books efficiently.

Mar. 20th I had the pleasure of visiting Fort Erie Lodge No. 613 when the third degree was worked in a highly satisfactory manner by W. Bro. John Charles and his very efficient staff of officers. Here again, is shown the fine co-operation between the past and present officers. The young member is taken in hand and shown the beauties of masonry socially as well as morally; and not left along the side walls as is the case of some lodges, nearly forgotten. Bro. George Tinney is a very devoted secretary. His books are neatly kept and up to date.

April 3rd. I visited Myrtle Lodge No. 337 at Port Robinson. The second degree was worked in fine manner by W. Bro. F. M. Hardy and officers. On this occasion, there was an unusually large turn-out that taxed the capacity of the lodge room to accommodate. I cannot let this opportunity pass without commenting on the great sacrifices this lodge has made in the interest of benevolence. The demand on their treasury for alleviating distress was so great that their funds were exhausted, and the brethren contributed freely to an extra levy to carry on the great work of philanthropy which this lodge had accepted as theirs. R.W. Bro. Charles Ross, the

secretary, is one of the mainstays of this lodge. His duties are well executed.

April. 4th. On this date I visited Stamford Lodge No. 626. The candidate for this night's work had the misfortune to fall from a ladder on the afternoon of this day and injure himself, and could not appear for his degree. W. Bro. Dohrow and officers did all the work requested; raised to the third and were instructed in the penalties of the several degrees. Their work was done in a very efficient and workmanlike manner and on a par with the older lodges. Bro. L. T. Couch is a very efficient secretary.

On April 5th I visited Clifton Lodge No. 254, the largest lodge in this district. The third degree was worked in the usual fine manner by W. Bro. Liddle and his efficient staff of officers. The enthusiasm of these brethren make this lodge a refreshing place to attend, either to see the work admirably done, or as a place for social intercourse. The work is properly and impressively done. The significances of the ritual are not overlooked, yet the officers and members do not lose sight of the fact that all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. R.W. Bro. Lymburner is the right man in the right place as secretary of this lodge, and devotes most of his time to this work.

April 9th. I visited Phoenix Lodge at Fonthill. The overflow of brethren filled an adjoining room; and in order to enable so many of the brethren to see the work, the outside door was tyled. W. Bro. Boyes and his officers worked the third degree in a very commendable manner. This lodge has great exponents of masonry in the persons of R.W. Bro. A. B. Damude and W. Bro. F. H. Clarke. The last mentioned brother fills the secretary's office well and faithfully.

On April 10th it was my pleasure to visit the brethren of St. Marks Lodge No. 105 at Niagara Falls. This is old Stamford Lodge No. 12, but the original

charter has been lost. They still have some of the old records that are highly interesting. The third degree was worked by W. Bro. H. Holcomb and his officers in a fine manner. This lodge suffered a severe loss in the death of their secretary W. Bro. Garner, but in their newly elected secretary, W. Bro. F. Trelford, they have a very faithful and conscientious worker.

On April 17th, I had the pleasure of meeting R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel on the occasion of his visit to Fort Erie Lodge. The Deputy Grand Master and his Grand Lodge officers worked the first degree for the benefit of the brethren of this riverside lodge. After the dinner was served, the R.W. Brother gave a splendid address on the Order and I am sure this lodge and the brethren who were fortunate enough to hear him, will be benefited.

April 30th will be looked back to from the future as one of the red letter dates in Masonry in the Niagara District, when we were favored with a visit by the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Hon. John S. Martin. All the Masters, Wardens and Past Masters of the district were invited to atend a joint meeting of Merritt and Copestone lodges of Welland, to greet the Most Wor. Brother. There was a fine attendance and the first degree was worked by officers of both lodges taking part. In his after-dinner address the Most Wor. Brother outlined the progress of Masonry in this Province, and drew the attention of the brethren to their duties as Masons, to try and create a good impression for this country on the newly arrived immigrant, by extending the right hand of goodfellowship to him. This would dispel the feeling in him of being a stranger in a foreign land, with friends and all he holds dear to him in the far off native land. He urged the brethren to particularly favor the younger members of these new future citizens of our country.

His visit in this district will prove beneficial, as his sound advice and the eloquence of his appeal was such as to inspire enthusiasm in the most apathetic.

May 1st. I visited Palmer Lodge No. 372 at Bridgeburg. W. Bro. Peter Gordon and officers worked the second degree for my inspection in a highly satisfactory manner. W. Bro. G. Stamp has but recently been elected to the office of secretary and the work is new to him. The active interest he displays demonstrates the fact that Palmer lodge has made a wise choice in his appointment. R.W. Bro. W. C. Tait of this lodge is very active with his wise council.

I visited Dominion lodge No. 615 at Ridgeway on May 3rd. The third degree was exemplified in a splendidly impressive manner by W. Bro. Stackhouse and his officers. This is another energetic body of brethren. They own their own lodge rooms and are in good financial condition. The well kept records are in the hands of Bro. M. I. Beeshy.

On June 7th, I visited Copestone lodge No. 373 Welland, my Mother lodge. I had requested W. Bro. Malcolm not to work any degree on this occasion as I have seen the work exemplified on several occasions by him and his proficient set of officers.

This visit being the last of my official inspections, was more in the nature of a get-together meeting for the masons of the district. The lodge was opened in the several degrees, in a very workmanlike manner. I addressed the brethren on the importance of a knowledge of the constitution of our order.

It was a very successful meeting in every way, and just a repetition of all my visits throughout this district, with this exception; there is no lodge like the mother lodge. W. Bro. Tattersall is a faithful and efficient secretary.

My term of office has expired. I have discharged my duties to the best of my limited abilities. For my faults and imperfections, I ask indulgence, and trust they be covered with the broad mantle of charity and brotherly love. To the lodges of this district who have, without exception, received me with an en-

thusiastic welcome and wonderful hospitality, I hereby express my sincere thanks. My parting admonition to all the brethren is; study your constitution, make yourselves familiar with all its regulations, and in so doing, you will insure for the future, harmony between lodges, between members and at the same time further the cause of moral perfection to the high standard we are so desirous of obtaining.

I ask for my successor, the same support you have given me. I have received the loyal suport of several P.D.D.G.Ms. as well as many others, of whom, space will not permit mentioning. But I cannot allow the occasion to pass without mentioning the names of Worshipful Brother James Dakers of Temple Lodge, St. Catharines and W. Bro. Gray of King Edward VII Lodge at Chippawa. These brethren have been present at nearly all my visits and are both men of sterling qualities and fine personalities.

I wish for Niagara District every success for the future.

Fraternally submitted,

J. C. FRALICK.

D.D.G.M. Niagara District.

NIPISSING DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honor of submitting my report on the condition of Masonry in Nipissing District for the year ending June 24th, 1928.

My thanks are extended to Nipissing Lodge for having my name associated with the office of District Deputy Grand Master, and I express my sincere appreciation to the brethren of the District for electing me to that office and for all their courtesies throughout the year.

The lodges without exception still hold to the importance of a visit from the representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. The apparent preparation for him with the kindness received on every hand, is not only a tribute to our Grand Master, but an assurance of loyalty to our Grand Lodge. The demonstration of this loyalty through your representative is encouraging toward the future of the District.

My predecessors in office deserve and have the thanks of the district for the uniformity of the degree work observed by me on my several visits. These esteemed brethren have set a high standard for those who follow in their train and their keen appreciation of the importance of their responsibility has made an impress for good on the District. I could not fail to sense the anxiety of the brethren to present for my inspection, work that would be a credit to Nipissing District.

It has been my endeavor to maintain the dignity of the office which I have held and to emphasize the

ideals of Freemasonry which we should practice in our daily life.

Had the Grand Master witnessed the spirit of the brethren in practically every lodge that it was my privilege to visit and the caliber of the brethren entrusted with the ruling positions in the lodges, he would feel that Masonry is in hands striving for the best interests of the Craft and that the lodges are a factor for good in their respective communities.

I made my official visits as follows:

Mattawa, No. 405, November 1st, 1927
Keystone, No. 412, February 6th, 1928.
Nipissing, No. 420, March 12th, 1928.
Nickel, No. 427, March 7th, 1928.
Dyment, No. 442, June 18th, 1928
Sturgeon Falls, No. 447, November 10th, 1927
Doric, No. 455, June 20th, 1928.
Algoma, No. 469, February 6th, 1928
Gore Bay, No. 472, June 19th, 1928
Penewobikong, No. 487, April 19th, 1928
Espanola, No. 527, April 18th, 1928
Algonquin, No. 536, April 17th, 1928.
National, No. 588, June 5th, 1928.
North Bay, No. 617, May 18th, 1928.
Lorne No. 622, May 9th, 1928.

Hatherly, No. 625, April 23rd, 1928, at this meeting of the brethren of Hatherly Lodge an oil painting of Brother John Hatherly Way after whom the lodge is named, was unveiled.

I have travelled almost three thousand miles to carry out my official duties, visiting every lodge in the District with the exception of Hornepayne Lodge No. 636.

I was accompanied on many of my visits by W. Bro. R. S. Fulcher our District Secretary to whom I owe much for his counsel and companionship.

I would like to record here the laying of the Corner Stone of the Masonic Temple at North Bay by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master on the twenty-ninth day of May, 1928. The impressive ceremony and the presence of the Grand Master among the brethren throughout the day will be held in happy remembrance for many years to come.

I have reason to believe that Grand Lodge will, in the near future, witness activities among the brethren in other centres of the District, leading to the building of Masonic Temples which to some extent will mark the progress being made in this part of the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge which I have had the honor to represent for the past year.

Fraternally submitted,

G. B. ALFORD,

D.D.G.M. Nipissing District

NORTH HURON DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honor to submit herewith my reports of the condition of Masonry in North Huron District for the term 1927-28 now ending.

wish to take this opportunity of expressing my sincere appreciation and my deep and lasting gratitude to my Masonic brethren in North Huron District for the honor they conferred on me in electing me to the high office of district representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in this district. I wish also to acknowledge with grateful appreciation the loyal support, hearty co-operation and cordial receptions extended to me by the officers and members of all the lodges at all times during my term of office. I am exceedingly grateful to the many brethren of my mother lodge, Bernard No. 225, Listowel, who accompanied me on my various visits. Particularly I am grateful to W. Bro. J. F. Vandrick and Bro. Major Savage who accompanied me on all my visits. They were of great assistance to me in my work.

I visited every lodge in the district at least once and some of them on two or three occasions. The work in every lodge was exceptionally well done and it was a matter of great pleasure to me to notice the efficiency that was shown by the officers in the various lodges. Very seldom was there cause for suggestions, let alone criticisms, and all suggestions were received kindly. I have endeavored to impress on all officers the necessity of having the work in the lodges uniform, and also that the officers should have their work as near word perfect as possible and that the work should be given with all possible impressiveness, particularly in the degree work. The manner in which the brethren of the different lodges visit with each other was very

noticeable and a source of pleasure to me and I have urged that this be continued to even a greater extent. I was also pleased with the large attendance at all the meetings I visited. I have found the books and records of the lodges in the district properly and carefully kept.

All the lodges are prospering, some more than others it is true, but all are in a healthy condition, and from a general review of the Condition of Masonry in North Huron District I can safely say that Masonry in this district is in a prosperous condition, that landmarks and ancient usages and customs are strictly observed and Masonry is on a very high plane.

While the lodges are prospering Masonry has suffered some heavy losses by the hand of death. Particularly heavy is the loss of V. W. Bro. Elijah Miller, of Northern Light Lodge, No. 93, Kincardine, who joined the Grand Lodge above on July 25th, 1927, on the 55th anniversary of his initiation. He was one of the veterans and pillars of Masonry in this district and was a great help to all his brethren. The death of R.W. Bro. Dr. D. D. Ellis, of Listowel, was also a severe loss to the Craft. While he was a member of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, of late years he had resided in Listowel, and gave generously of his best in the interest of the Craft greatly to the benefit of Masonry. He passed away on September 10th, 1927. On April 1st, 1928, another heavy blow fell on North Huron District when the "Angel of Death" called to the Grand Lodge above R.W. Bro. John Watson, of Bernard Lodge No. 225, Listowel, a past D.D.G.M. of the district and the treasurer of the district. He gave generously of his time, talents and substance in the interests of the Craft and was one of the most beloved and highly esteemed Masons in this District. While they have gone to their rewards the fruits of their labors will long remain with us, and the example of their lives as Masons will ever be an incentive to the brethren remaining to carry on the good work they so liberally and beneficially contributed to.

At the beginning of my term of office I appointed

W. Bro. J. F. Vandrick as district secretary, and W. Bro. Rev. J. M. Nicol, B.A., B.D., of Bernard Lodge as District Chaplain. To them I extend my sincere thanks for their great assistance. Upon the death of R.W. Bro. John Watson, district treasurer, W. Bro. Vandrick by request, assumed the duties of that office also.

Blair Lodge No. 314, Palmerston. On October 14th, 1927, I made my first official visit, to Blair Lodge, Palmerston. I was introduced by R.W. Bro. T. Morris and W. Bro. Scrimgeour. The first degree was very ably conferred by the Master, W. Bro. R. E. Root, assisted in the latter part by Past Masters. It was a great pleasure to have with us on this occasion Most Worshipful Brother Frank Hurd, of Vancouver, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

Blyth Lodge No. 303, Blyth. On February 7, 1928, I visited Blyth Lodge. I was introduced by R.W. Bro. Tiernay and W. Bro. W. R. Pate. W. Bro. S. A. Poplestone, Master, in a very capable manner conferred the second degree. On June 5th I again visited Blyth Lodge and witnessed a very impressive third degree. Several of the Listowel brethren accompanied me on this occasion and provided a musical program at the conclusion of the lodge work.

Teeswater Lodge No. 276. On April 26th, 1928, I visited Teeswater Lodge. I was introduced by R.W. Bros. Dr. G. S. Fowler and G. H. Linklater. The first degree was conferred in a most pleasing way by the Master, W. Bro. Mann. This degree was most unique in the fact that the Master initiated into Masonry his son, and had the pleasure of addressing the candidate as my son and brother.

Wingham Lodge, No. 286. On May 1st, 1928, I visited Wingham Lodge. I was introduced by R W. Bros. Jobb and Gibson. Three second degrees were very capably conferred by the Master, W. Bro. McGee, whose careful preparation and quiet dignity made the work very impressive.

Fordwich Lodge No. 331. On May 3rd, 1928, I visited Fordwich Lodge. I was introduced by R W. Bro. A. C. Hutchison and W. Bro. E. Patterson. The Master, W. Bro. Harris, conferred the first degree in a very able manner assisted in the latter part by Past Masters.

Bernard Lodge No. 225, Listowel. On May 4th, 1928, it was a great pleasure to me to visit my mother lodge at Listowel. I was introduced by R.W. Bro. Thos. Blackmore and V.W. Bro. J. H. Blackmore. The second degree was ably conferred by the Master, W. Bro. W. Spence. It was my privilege on that occasion to present Bernard Lodge with a large copy of the "Volume of the Sacred Law" and book marks for use in the lodge room, and a smaller copy for use at Masonic funerals. I was the happy recipient of a beautiful basket of flowers for my mother and a beautiful cane, inscribed, for myself, gifts from the Past Masters of the lodge that will ever be prized as the greatest treasures.

St. John's Lodge No. 284, Brussels. On May 22nd, 1928, I visited St. John's Lodge, Brussels. I was introduced by R.W. Bro. Wilton and W. Bro. Gellispie. The lodge was opened in the three degrees very efficiently. This was an emergent meeting and no degrees were conferred. However, the degree work in this lodge compares favorably with the others. A very profitable period of "Questions, answers and discussions" regarding the work was conducted.

Forest Lodge No. 162, Wroxeter. On May 28, 1928, I visited Forest Lodge, Wroxeter. I was introduced by R.W. Bros. T. Brown and S. Wilton. The third degree was ably exemplified by the Master, W. Bro. Wylie, assisted by R.W. Bro. T. Brown.

Hullett, Lodge No. 568, Londesboro. On May 29, 1928, I visited Hullett Lodge, Londesboro. I was introduced by R.W. Bro. Rev. Avery and W. Bro. A. Willis. The first degree was exemplified in a very capable way by the Master, W. Bro. T. Mountain.

The charge was given to the candidate by his brother, a Past Master of the lodge.

Northern Light Lodge No. 3, Kincardine. On June 6th, 1928, I visited Northern Light Lodge, Kincardine. I was introduced by R.W. Bros. MacPherson and Morrison. The second degree was beautifully exemplified by the Master, W. Bro. Mooney, assisted in the latter part by R.W. Bro. MacPherson and W. Bro. Morrison. Here the musical ritual was used which added greatly to the beauty of the degree.

Bruce Lodge, No. 341, Tiverton. On June 7th, 1928, I visited Bruce Lodge, Tiverton, I was introduced by R.W. Bro. A. Mewhiny and W. Bro. J. M. Bowie. This was an emergent meeting. No degrees were conferred, but I was assured by R.W. Bro. Mewhiny and W. Bro. Bowie that the officers are well skilled in this work. The lodge was opened in the three degrees in an exceptionally able manner and a very profitable discussion on the work and on Masonry in general took place.

Old Light Lodge, No. 184, Lucknow. On June 14, 1928, I completed my visits by visiting Old Light Lodge, Lucknow. I was introduced by R. W. Bro. Patterson and W. Bro. MacKenzie. The first degree was exemplified in a most impressive manner by the master, W. Bro. Aitcheson, whose work was given perfectly and with a quiet dignity that made a lasting impression on all who were present. The charge was eloquently given by R.W. Bro. Patterson, a veteran who has passed the allotted span of three score and ten. Lucknow Lodge lost their Masonic home last spring by fire, but with commendable courage and energy they are completing the erection of a larger and more beautiful Masonic home. It was my pleasure on the occasion of my visit there to have a small part in the furnishing of that new home when I was permitted by the officers and members to present to them a copy of the "Volume of the Sacred Law" with

appropriate book marks. This gift was accepted on behalf of the lodge by the chaplain, Bro. Rev. James, and by R.W. Bro. Patterson.

At all meetings the Fourth Degree was exemplified in a pleasing manner and many excellent addresses were given pertaining to Masonry.

Divine services have been held by most of the lodges which have been largely attended.

A district church service will be held in Lucknow on July 8th. W. Bro. Dr. Shortt, of Barrie, will deliver the address, and will be assisted in the service by Rev. James, of Lucknow. It is expected that all lodges will be represented and we are looking for a very large attendance and a very inspiring service.

Grand Master's Visit. North Huron District was signally honored on May 11th, 1928, when the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Hon. John S. Martin, accompanied by the Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Wm. Logan, visited this district. The meeting was held in the armouries, Listowel, and was one of the finest meetings ever held in Listowel. The spacious building was appropriately decorated for the occasion and 375 brethren were present to receive the distinguished guests. All lodges in the district were represented and visiting brethren from adjoining districts were also present. The Grand Master was received by the Ruling Masters of the district and an address of welcome was extended to him and the Grand Secretary. Dinner followed after which an excellent program followed. The message brought by the Grand Master was a most inspiring one calling forth from the brethren the best that they possessed. His message was an incentive to all brethren to give of their best. The benefits derived from his address are apparent everywhere throughout the district.

It is a pleasure as well as a privilege for me to recommend to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master for appointment to Grand Lodge membership

W. Bro. Joseph Frederick Vandrick, of Bernard Lodge, No. 225, Listowel, the present secretary and treasurer of the district. His work during my term of office as well as in past years in the interest of Masonry is deserving of special mention. He is a Worshipful brother well skilled, an ardent lover of the Craft, and a consistent and worthy laborer in the work.

Finally, may I say that I consider North Huron District is one in which the brethren appreciate the high calling that is theirs and are successfully endeavoring to perform the tasks that as Masons the Great Architect of the Universe has given to them.

In conclusion, may I again express to my Masonic brethren throughout the district my sincerest thanks for the honor of serving them as D.D.G.M. and for the many acts of kindness and courtesy shown me during my term of office. For my successor I respectfully bespeak the same true Masonic kindness.

Fraternally submitted,

B. L. H. BAMFORD,

D.D.G.M. North Huron District.

ONTARIO DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report on the affairs of Ontario District for the Masonic year 1927-1928.

Inasmuch as this report will have chief interest to the brethren of Ontario District. I desire herewith to extend to them my very sincere appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by them in July, 1927. I entered upon the year with considerable doubt as to my fitness for the office, but the brethren have covered my faults and failings with the broad mantle of Masonic charity, and the year has been a most delightful one. Everywhere I have been greeted with the greatest warmth and cordiality, and never before have I experienced to such an extent the true Masonic spirit of brotherly love, courtesy and warm-heartedness. To the brethren throughout the District I shall remain under a permanent obligation for the courtesies and consideration shown me.

As District Secretary for the year, I appointed W. Bro. W. M. Jermyn, of Composite Lodge, Whitby, who accompanied me on every visit of inspection, and to whose skill and experience I am greatly indebted, and to whom I thus publicly wish to express my thanks.

Before proceeding in detail with a report of the year's work, I shall summarize briefly what I believe to be the outstanding features I have observed while on my official visits.

(1) The high standard of the work in all degrees as exemplified by the lodges of the District. I was able to offer a number of suggestions and minor criticisms, but in most cases the work was beyond

serious criticism. This reflects great credit on the assiduity of the officers.

(2) Every lodge in the District has its books in good condition. On our visits the District Secretary and myself were particular to inspect the books and records, and it is very gratifying to be able to report that in no case did there appear to be any laxity in keeping the records. A few of the secretaries are more than usually careful and diligent. A good secretary has much to do with the success of his lodge.

(3) An increasing number of the lodges appear to be developing the rendering of the musical ritual. This feature was evident on many of the visits I paid, and of course results in a more impressive rendering of the degree work and in addition stimulates interest among the members.

(4) Considerable effort is being put into the preparation of good programs for the banquet hour.

(5) Fraternal visits by members of other lodges are being encouraged by the sending of special invitations to nearby lodges when the District Deputy is to make his visit or when other special features are planned. On nearly all my visits I had the pleasure of meeting visitors from other lodges.

(6) A special effort should be made to start meetings promptly on time, more especially so when visitors from a distance are expected. When a meeting starts late, it is more than likely that those from a distance will have to leave before the program is completed. This I found to be so on several occasions. On one of my visits, the lodge opened nearly an hour late, for no apparent reason, so far as I could observe. The result was that some of the visitors had to leave before the banquet. A late start is unfair to those who have been invited, especially if they come on time, and tends to discourage their coming again.

(7) The lodges throughout the District have comfortable and well cared for quarters.

I believe the condition of Masonry in Ontario District to be most satisfactory My endeavor to interpret to the brethren my own ideas as to the meaning and mission of Masonry met with an attentive and appreciative hearing, and on numerous occasions stimulated much profitable discussion.

I believe the brethren are coming to appreciate more and more the necessity for a practical application of the principles of Masonry, and that the outside world will judge Masonry not by what we say about it but by what we as Masons do.

Reception to Grand Master

Possibly the outstanding event in Ontario District during the past year was the reception to the Grand Master, which was held at Newcastle on June 4th. To the brethren of he District I owe a great deal of thanks for the whole-hearted co-operation extended to me in arranging for the reception. There were four hundred present to welcome M.W. Bro. John S. Martin, who was accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Senior Warden, the Grand Secretary, and several other past and present Grand Lodge officers. From beginning to end the occasion was a most delightful one, and I can assure the Grand Master that, basing my opinion on numerous comments I have since heard, Ontario District was pleased beyond measure to welcome him and his officers and equally proud to have the privilege and honor of doing so. His visit to Ontario District has served to strengthen the fraternal ties which bind us all together.

Institution

I had the happy privilege on May 18th of instituting Temple Lodge in the City of Oshawa. There were already two strong lodges in Oshawa, each with about 300 members, so when a petition was made

asking for a new lodge, and I learned that there were about two hundred unaffiliated Masons in Oshawa I had no hesitation in recommending the granting of a dispensation. Nearly every lodge in the District was repreented at this institution. The masters of the two other Oshawa lodges are charter members, and in every way possible the members of Cedar and Lebanon Lodges have lent their sympathy and assistance in getting Temple Lodge off to a good start.

I also had the pleasure of visiting Temple Lodge on June 17th, when their first candidate was initiated in a manner that would do credit to any lodge in the jurisdiction. W. Bro. C. R. McIntosh is a Past Master of many years standing, an excellent ritualist and a real Mason. He has a splendid staff of officers and I have no hesitation in saying that Temple Lodge will be a valuable addition to the city of Oshawa and still further increase the prestige of Masonry in that community.

I must also incorporate in my report a record of the fact that Masons of Oshawa have initiated a movement to erect a new Temple. A company has been formed, the required capital subscribed by the fraternity and work has already been started on a building that will be devoted entirely to the interests of Masonry, a Temple in architectural design as well as in name. This is a most happy circumstance, that gives me much pleasure and gratification to record.

Fidelity Lodge No. 428, Port Perry—My first official visit of the year was to Fidelity Lodge, Port Perry, on Friday, October 7th. The large attendance on this occasion was very pleasing. The first degree was exemplified. W. Bro. Hayden, W.M., worked a large part of the degree himself, and gave proof of diligent attention to his duties. He is an efficient and painstaking officer, and all the officers were a credit to the lodge. The lodge is flourishing and has very comfortable quarters. Bro. John A. Crozier, who for eighteen years has been secretary, has the books and records in excellent condition. The cordial-

ity and warmth of our reception was a delightful inauguration to the series of official visits of which this was the first.

Orono Lodge, No. 325, Orono.—Though Orono Lodge is one of the smallest lodges in the District in point of numbers, my visit on November 4th, was the occasion of a most gratifying attendance. The lodge room was crowded to its capacity, and at the banquet which followed the meeting, nearly one hundred sat down. The first degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner. W. Bro. Linton, the Master, has his work well in hand. The membership of Orono Lodge is widely scattered, and at certain seasons it is difficult for all the officers to be present, but they are doing good work, and the lodge is in good hands. The secretary's books are in fine shape, and are very carefully kept.

Lebanon Lodge, Nol 139, Oshawa—My last visit before the New Year was to Lebanon Lodge, Oshawa. Two first degrees were conferred by W. Bro. Geo. Hart and his officers in a manner that left no room for criticism, in spite of the fact that this was the first time they had worked the degree since their installation. The lodge has an excellent staff of officers, and appears to be assured of efficient direction for some years to come. The books are in good shape. A most enjoyable, well-arranged program followed the banquet, including a talk on "Our Flag" which had a strong patriotic appeal. This lodge is in a prosperous condition.

Composite Lodge, No. 30, Whitby—My first visit of the New Year was made on February 3rd, to my mother lodge, Composite, of Whitby. Here I was given a very cordial reception, a number of visitors being present as well as a good attendance of members. The Fellowcraft degree was conferred in a commendable manner, W. Bro. Spall, W.M., taking a large part of the work himself. The full musical ritual was rendered by the lodge choir. Composite Lodge is in a prosperous condition. The removal into the fine new Temple, which took place last year,

has been a factor in stimulating interest, and has also added to the prestige of Masonry in Whitby. Several new members, of a most desirable type, have been added during the year. The lodge books are in splendid shape.

Jersusalem Lodge, No. 31, Bowmanville—In spite of what was probably the most unfavorable weather of the season, Jerusalem Lodge had a large attendance. both of members and visitors, on the occasion of my visit on February 8th. W. Bro. E. H. Brown did nearly all the work of the first degree himself, with little assistance, and is a capable officer. The other officers also did excellent work, and in every way maintained the fine reputation of Jerusalem Lodge. The full musical ritual was used. This is a prosperous lodge, and the secretary has his books in practically perfect shape. The amount of dues in arrears is so small as to be practically negligible.

Hope Lodge No. 114, Port Hope—My next visit was to Hope Lodge, Port Hope, on March 2nd, where I was greeted by a large gathering, among the number being several Past District Deputies of Ontario District. Two Fellowcraft degrees were conferred in a highly creditable manner. W. Bro. W. F. McMahon is very correct and precise in his work, and is ably discharging his duties as Master. This was a very fine meeting, and the brethren were most cordial in their welcome to the visitors, of whom there were a large number. Hope Lodge during the year suffered the loss by death of V.W. Bro. Thos. H. Bell, who for many years was the faithful and efficient secretary and whose death is deeply mourned. The books are well kept, R.W. Bro. J. T. George having had charge of them during V.W. Bro. Bell's illness. The lodge is quite flourishing.

Cedar Lodge No. 270, Oshawa—My second visit to Oshawa was to Cedar Lodge, on March 27th. The exemplification of the first degree by W. Bro. E. F. Farrow and his officers was one of the best I saw during the year. V.W. Bro. A. E. Henry, now over 80 years of age, gave the charge from the book

of Constitution in a manner that was most impressive. Cedar Lodge rejoices in a live, efficient staff of officers who are maintaining the best traditions of the lodge, and the members are to be congratulated upon their choice. W. Bro. W. A. Hare has the books up-to-date in every respect. On this occasion a number of the officers and members of War Veterans' Lodge, Toronto, were present and added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening. In every way Cedar Lodge is in a healthy condition.

Durham Lodge No. 66, Newcastle—I visited Durham Lodge, Newcastle, on April 3rd. The attendance was most gratifying, about 75 being present, including visitors from several other lodges. The work of the evening was the Master Mason's degree, which was conferred almost entirely by W. Bro. E. C. Hoar, W.M., who has his work splendidly in hand, and is a worthy officer. The lodge is meeting with much success, and has had a good number of candidates this year. Beautiful and comfortable quarters are provided in the fine Community Hall donated to the village by the late Chester Massey. The secretary's books are in a most satisfactory state.

St. John's Lodge No. 17, Cobourg—On Tuesday, April 10th, I had the pleasure of inspecting St. John's Lodge, Cobourg, one of the oldest lodges in the jurisdiction and the oldest in Ontario District. Here I was greeted by a large attendance and on this occasion also there were many visitors, an interesting feature being the presence of five ministers, representing different churches of the town and district. The first degree was conferred with full musical ritual, in a very satisfactory manner. W. Bro. A. E. Challis, W.M., early in his term of office, was moved to Ottawa in the Government service, but has regularly made the trip to Cobourg to preside at the meetings of St. John's Lodge, and has done good work. The lodge is in first class condition, and the books are in fine shape under Secretary Hewson's care.

Ontario Lodge No. 26, Port Hope—My second Port Hope visit was on April 23rd, to Ontario Lodge,

another of the older lodges of the district, where I was again delighted to find a large attendance, including brethren from Colborne, Newcastle, Bowmanville and Whitby. Unfortunately W. Bro. Sculthorpe, W.M. earlier in the day had been taken ill, and was confined to his bed. The lodge was presided over by W. Bro. Haskill, I.P.M., who, with his officers, conferred the first degree on two candidates. In spite of the absence of the Master, and of the Junior Warden, who had been moved from town temporarily, the work was excellently done. Ontario lodge is very prosperous, and V.W. Bro. Batty, secretary, has the books in good condition. A splendid banquet and an elaborate musical program delighted the large gathering.

Mount Zion Lodge, No. 39, Brooklin—On May 1st, I visited Mount Zion Lodge, Brooklin, accompanied by several Whitby brethren. There being no work in readiness, W. Bro. Geo. Johnston and his officers exemplified the first degree on a dummy candidate. The officers are carrying on well under rather difficult circumstances. The lodge has had only two candidates during the past two years, and none so far this year, a number of applicants having been rejected. The result is that the officers have had little opportunity of conferring degrees. Under the circumstances they acquitted themselves most creditably. Mount Zion Lodge has comfortable quarters and the books are in splendid shape. This is an old lodge with an excellent record, and I feel confident the future holds for it increased usefulness and prosperity.

Colborne Lodge, No. 91, Colborne—At Colborne Lodge, on May 18th, I had the pleasure of meeting an exceptionally large body of brethren, among them being R.W. Bro. O. L. Morrow, D.D.G. M. of Prince Edward District, and several Past District Deputies of this and other districts. The work was the Fellowcraft degree, and the officers labored under some difficulty owing to a disability in the speech of the candidate. They conferred the degree fairly well, but there was evidence of lack of practice, possibly to some extent due to the removal

from town of W. Bro. Ives, W.M., and therefore his inability to be on hand except on meeting nights. The meeting was quite late in starting, which was unfortunate, as many had to leave before the banquet. Secretary J. T. Gordon has the books in excellent shape. The lodge is in a prosperous financial condition, having a considerable sum in cash and bonds.

With the closing of the year, I relinquish my office with a conviction that the Masons of Ontario District have made real progress during the past twelve months, and that the spirit of tolerance and good-will among the brethren was never at a higher level. From my own experience, I can assure my successor that his duties, though onerous, will afford him friendships and happy memories for all the years to come.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

G. M. GOODFELLOW,

D.D.G.M. Ontario District.

OTTAWA DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honour to present herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in the Ottawa Masonic District for the past Masonic year.

Before doing so, however, I desire to express to the brethren of the district my very great appreciation of the honour done me and my Mother Lodge in electing me to this high and important office, and to thank the P.D.D.G.M's of the District, the Wor. Masters of the various lodges as well as many of the Past Masters for their hearty co-operation which assisted me greatly in carrying out my official duties. If any measure of success has attended me, it is largely due to this sympathetic co-operation which was a tower of strength and incentive to do one's best.

I wish particularly to express my appreciation of the very thoughtful assistance received from R.W. Bro. J. Alex. Ross and R.W. Bro. Jas. Reeves upon my taking up the duties of the office.

An event of special importance during the year was the visit on the 27th of April, 1928, of the Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. the Hon. John S. Martin to our District. He was accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, R.W. Bro. Wm. Logan, Grand Secretary, and R.W. Bro. John Wilson of Toronto a P.D.D.G.M. of the Ottawa District.

At twelve thirty p.m. an informal luncheon was served to some 250 guests in the Chateau Laurier, followed by addresses from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Hon. H. H. Stevens, R.W. Bro. Harold Kidd and others, R.W. Bro. J. Alex. Ross presiding.

In the evening a reception was tendered the distinguished visitors in the Assembly Hall of the Glebe Collegiate Institute; about 1,200 Masons were present and every Lodge in the district was represented.

W. Bro. Scammell Master of Dalhousie Lodge, Ottawa, read the address of welcome on behalf of the ruling masters of Ottawa District. A very excellent address was given by the Most Wor. the Grand Master and splendid addresses were given by R.W. Bros. Dargavel, Logan, Hon. Jas. Malcolm, minister of Trade and Commerce and others. A pleasing feature of the evening was a presentation by R.W. Bro. J. Alex. Ross on behalf of the brethren of the Ottawa District to the Grand Master of a beautiful Desk Set as a token of their esteem and regard.

R.W. Bro. E. J. McCleery acting as Master of Ceremonies rendered efficient service. The Ottawa Temple Choir under the direction of Bro. Cyril Rickwood rendered some very beautiful selections contributing very effectively to the enjoyment and success of the evening. The arrangements were in the hands of the past G.L. officers and the Ruling Masters of Ottawa City and Westboro. R.W. Bro. J. Alex. Ross Chairman of the Committee and W. Bro. Stewart Witten, Master of Rideau Lodge, Secretary. All present voted the evening a very enjoyable one in every respect.

I have visited and inspected every lodge in the District during the year and have found conditions generally very satisfactory. I have found a splendid fraternal spirit existing throughout the District. I was particularly impressed with the splendid Fraternal spirit and enthusiastic, mutual interest existing among the lodges of Ottawa City and Westboro.

Ionic Lodge, Westboro, lost a very capable master in the person of the late W. Bro. Percy Daniels. W. Bro. Daniels was deeply loved and very highly esteemed by all who knew him and his passing is a distinct loss to Masonry in this District.

I made my first official visit on Oct. 3rd, 1927, to Enterprise Lodge, Beachburg. This lodge is situated in my old home town, where I resided up until twenty seven years ago. I must say that my reception to this lodge was most cordial. I was accompanied by a very large deputation from my own lodge at Cobden, also a very large deputation from Bonchere Lodge, Eganville, including among the number R.W. Bro. Reeves, also several brethren from Pembroke Lodge and Arnprior.

At this meeting the third degree was conferred upon the candidate by W. Bro. Singleton and his officers in a very creditable manner which left very little room for criticism. The books in this lodge are very well kept by Bro. Creegan and the lodge seems to be in a good condition generally.

I visited Chaudiere Lodge, Ottawa, on Oct. 25th. This was my first official visit to an Ottawa Lodge. My reception was most cordial and hearty. I was welcomed in the lodge room by W. Bro. Golding in the presence of almost four hundred Brother Masons. I was accompanied in my deputation by R.W. Bros. Ross, Reeves, McPhail, McKee, three past masters from my own lodge, and brethren from Renfrew and other lodges from outside the city of Ottawa.

W. Bro. Golding and his officers conferred a second degree in a manner which was well nigh perfect, ably supported by a very good Choir.

On Thanksgiving night, Nov. 7th, I visited Renfrew Lodge officially. I was accompanied by several brethren from my own lodge. There were present several brethren from Eganville Lodge including R.W. Bro. Reeves, also W. Bro. Golding of Chaudiere Lodge, Ottawa and seven other brethren from the same lodge.

W. Bro. Campbell Simpson worked the first degree in a satisfactory manner. Two past masters of his lodge gave the charge and lecture to the candidate.

W. Bro. Logan giving the lecture in the south-east, and W. Bro. Rod Fraser giving the charge from the constitution.

The singing in this lodge was very good and added considerable to the effectiveness of the degree work.

My next official visit was made to St. John's Lodge, Carleton Place, on the evening of Nov. the 9th.

I had the very great pleasure at this meeting of meeting the sitting masters of eight of the Ottawa City Lodges also the sitting master of one of the Westboro lodges with several other brethren from Ottawa, including R.W. Bro. Alex. Ross. I was also accompanied on this visit by W. Bro. Archie McLaren of Cobden Lodge.

W. Bro. Menzies exemplified the first degree in a very satisfactory manner, as there was no regular candidate a substitute was used.

This lodge is fortunate in having for its secretary R.W. Bro. McIntosh. Their finances are in very good shape, they own their lodge room and the very splendid building in which it is situated. They have a good recreation room in the hands of a good live committee providing wholesome amusement and entertainment for the younger members of the lodge.

On Nov. 15th I visited the lodge of Fidelity, Ottawa. I was accompanied on this visit by our District Chaplain, Very Wor. Bro. Canon Quartermaine of Renfrew.

W. Bro. F. W. Smith worked a first degree in a manner which was very pleasing indeed. We and his officers, assisted by the Choir of the Lodge working together made the degree very interesting and impressive.

There was a very large attendance at this meeting, including a very large number of R.W. Bro. Brethren from the city.

This lodge presents every newly initiated candidate with a well bound volume of the Sacred Law which I consider a splendid practice.

St. Andrews, No. 560, Ottawa, I made my official visit to St. Andrews Lodge on Dec. 1st, 1927. W. Bro. Pallister and his officers worked a first degree in satisfactory manner. This is one of the comparatively new lodges of the City, its membership is steadily increasing. The members are enthusiastic and good progress is being made.

Builders, No. 177. On Dec. 9th, 1927, I paid my official visit to the Builders Lodge, Ottawa. There was a very good attendance including many of the R.W. Bro. Brethren from the city also R.W. Bro. Reeves, of Eganville.

W. Bro. T. C. Miller conferred a first degree in a very capable manner. The officers of the lodge are all quite capable and they do their work very nicely. At the banquet which followed the degree work R.W. Bro. Putman who is a member of this lodge and also a member of the Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge, was one of the speakers responding to the Toast to Grand Lodge.

Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52. I visited Dalhousie Lodge officially on Jan. 3rd, 1928. The attendance was very good, especially considering that this visit was made so close to the holiday season. This lodge is one of the oldest in the city of Ottawa, has a splendid membership and enthusiastic officers.

W. Bro. Scammell conferred the first degree in a manner which was well nigh perfect. Owing to the Junior Warden being ill the senior deacon took his work and showed that he was well prepared for advancement. The inner guard did the work of the junior deacon very nicely also, the junior deacon being absent. I was pleased to be able to compliment the lodge upon the ability of these junior officers in being

able to perform the duties of a senior office upon such short notice.

Ashlar Lodge No. 564, Ottawa. I paid my visit to this lodge on the 6th of Jan. There was a goodly number of the brethren from Ottawa and Westboro present.

The first degree was very well put on by W. Bro. Gillespie and his officers. On behalf of the lodge I presented a past masters' jewel to immediate past master W. Bro. Webber. Ashlar is one of the younger lodges of the city and its success is assured.

Madawaska Lodge No. 196, I visited this lodge, on Jan. the 9th. The second degree was conferred by W. Bro. Cardiff and his officers. The work was quite acceptable and the business of the lodge was carried on with despatch.

R.W. Bro. Church acted as toastmaster at a very enjoyable banquet which followed the lodge work. I was accompanied on this visit by a very large deputation from my own lodge.

Defenders 590. I paid my official visit to this lodge at their regular meeting on February 1st, 1928. This was the second regular meeting of the lodge after the newly elected officers were installed.

W. Bro. Jas. D. Gardner and his officers conferred the third degree in a manner which I considered very satisfactory for a lodge whose officers were just newly installed. This is one of the younger lodges of the city and it seems to be making very good progress.

Mississippi, No. 147, Almonte. I visited this lodge officially at their regular meeting on February 3rd. W. Bro. Clifford Robertson conferred a first degree quite acceptably assisted by an efficient staff of officers. I was introduced at this meeting by R. W. Bro. McFarlane. There were three of the Ottawa

brethren present, W. Bro. Geo. Aikens, W. Bro. Stewart Witten and Bro. Young.

I had the pleasure at this meeting of presenting a past master's jewel to W. Bro. B. H. Gunn, a gift from his lodge before his departure from their town.

Sidney Albert Luke, I visited this lodge on February 8th. The officers were just newly installed, notwithstanding this fact the first degree was conferred in a very capable manner by W. Bro. Hall H. Popham.

The officers were quite efficient in their work. I had the pleasure of presenting a past master's jewel to the immediate past master, W. Bro. Howard J. Hardy on behalf of his brethren. Bro. Hardy was the first candidate initiated in this lodge and the sitting Master W. Bro. Popham was the second.

Civil Service No. 148. I visited this lodge at their regular meeting on Feb. 14th. The third degree was conferred by W. Bro. Thos. H. Parker and his officers in a very capable manner.

The musical part of the ceremony was under the direction of V.W. Bro. J. W. Bearder, Grand Organist, and was exceptionally well rendered by him and his Choir. The Deacons performed their work in a most efficient manner which showed study and practice.

Prince of Wales, No. 37. I attended this lodge on Friday evening Feb. 25th. There were a goodly number present from the various lodges in the city of Ottawa as well as from Prince of Wales lodge.

W. Bro. J. M. Jackson and his officers conferred the third degree quite acceptably some of the members of the Temple Choir conducting the musical part of the ceremony in a very splendid manner.

Pembroke No. 128. I visited Pembroke lodge officially on March 1st, accompanied by a very

large deputation of brethren from my own lodge, Cobden, and from Beachburg Lodge and Wor. Bros. Dobbie, Witten, and Aiken from the Ottawa Lodges.

I was introduced to the lodge by R.W. Bro. Dr. Josephs of Pembroke.

Wor. Bro. E. L. Smith, Master of this lodge had been unwell for a considerable time and was unable to attend the meeting. The lodge was presided over by W. Bro. W. L. Smyth the immediate past master in a very capable manner and there was considerable business regarding lodge matters transacted with despatch.

As there was no candidate and I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge with my two immediate predecessors, R.W. Bro. J. A. Ross and R.W. Bro. Dr. Reeves and had seen them perform the work very acceptably I did not request any degree work. After the closing there was a very pleasant banquet presided over by Dr. Josephs.

This concluded a very pleasant evening. I am glad to report that W. Bro. Smith has since recovered and assumed the duties of his office.

Doric No. 58. I visited Doric Lodge on Thursday evening March 15th.

I was introduced to the lodge in a very pleasing manner by R.W. Bro. J. Alex. Ross, R. W. Bro. E. S. McPhail along with R.W. Bros. McCleery, McKee and other R.W. Brethren from the city of Ottawa.

W. Bro. John Hambly and his officers conferred a first degree on a very worthy candidate in a very capable manner. Doric is one of the older lodges of the city and has capable officers and a very efficient secretary in R.W. Bro. J. Alex. Ross. The lodge is naturally making good progress.

Hazeldean, No. 517. I visited this lodge officially on April the 4th, before visiting the lodge I called on R.W. Bro. the Hon. R. H. Grant. I was very sorry to learn that Bro. Grant had been confined to his home for a considerable time with a very severe attack of sciatica which seems to have become chronic. I found Bro. Grant still very keenly interested in everything pertaining to Masonry and to the general welfare of our Canadian citizenship.

While Hazeldean is not large in membership they are enthusiastic in spirit. They have a very nice well appointed lodge room with a basement and a dining room in it. The lodge has built and paid for this building and it is surely a credit to them.

The degree work of the evening was performed by W. Bro. J. R. McGuire and his officers in a manner which was quite acceptable. There was a large number of the Ottawa brethren present at the meeting, including R.W. Bros. Ross and McClerey.

Ionic No. 526, Westboro. On Wednesday, April 4th, I visited this lodge. There was a very large attendance of Ionic lodge members present at this meeting along with a great nuumber of visiting brethren from Ottawa City lodges, and from other lodges outside of the city. There were also a number of the R.W. brethren from the city of Ottawa present.

The Westboro Lodges, Ionic and Acacia, have a beautiful temple which belongs to the masons of the town. This fact speaks well for the enthusiasm and enterprising spirit of the Masons of Westboro.

W. Bro. Percy Daniels with his very capable staff of officers conferred a first degree in a very efficient manner.

After the degree work a very pleasing tribute was paid R.W. Bro. F. A. Heney when his brethren of Ionic Lodge presented him with a beautiful clock as a recognization of the very able service which R.W. Bro.

Heney had rendered Ionic lodge and as an evidence of the high esteem in which he is held by the members of the lodge.

Rideau, No. 595, Ottawa. Rideau is the youngest lodge of the city of Ottawa and is very capably presided over by W. Bro. Stewart Witten. My visit to this lodge on Thursday evening, April 12th, concluded my visits of inspection to the Masonic lodges of Ottawa City. These visits to me were a great source of pleasure and satisfaction. I found a wonderful fraternal spirit prevailing between all the lodges of the city and the work being performed in a most efficient manner in all the lodges. Rideau lodge was no exception to the rest W. Bro. Witten and his officers maintaining the same high standard that I found prevailing in the city of Ottawa generally. The beautiful ceremony of conferring the third degree was performed in a very impressive manner. The musical part of the ceremony being beautifully rendered by the lodge choir.

Acacia No. 561. My visit to Acacia lodge was made on April 25th. This lodge is ably presided over by W. Bro. Wm. Joynt, Chief Magistrate of Westboro. The work of the evening was the conferring of a first degree and was done in a very efficient manner by W. Bro. Joynt and his officers. An added interest seemed to be felt in this meeting owing to the fact that the candidate a very bright and promising young man was a son of the Wor. Master. I mentioned in my report of Ionic Lodge that brethren of Acacia lodge were shareholders in the splendid Masonic Temple from Ottawa City were present at this meeting.

Goodwood, No. 159. I paid my visit of inspection to Goodwood lodge on Tuesday, May 1st. I was accompanied by a splendid deputation from Ottawa and Westboro, there were several brethren from North Gower and Hazeldean present also. Goodwood lodge is not large in numbers but seems to be rich in Masonic zeal. W. Bro. F. F. Kemp conferred the first degree on a very good candidate in a very efficient

manner. The officers of this lodge are all very capable and do their work well.

Masonry in Richmond dates from the early days. They still retain the chair used by the Duke of Richmond. They own a very comfortable and well appointed lodge room with a basement in which they have a refreshment room and a furnace room.

Carleton No. 465. On Friday May 4th. I visited Carleton Lodge at Carp. We had a good number of Ottawa brethren present also, brethren from Arnprior, Cobden and Hazeldean. The turn out of Carp brethren was rather disappointing as it was not large. In the absence of a regular candidate, one of the brethren substituted and the second degree was exemplified.

The work was quite acceptable. This lodge is in rented quarters but they own the most beautiful set of lodge furniture in the Ottawa Masonic District. This furniture was procured from a Masonic Lodge which was organized at Havre during the great war.

Russell, No. 479. Accompanied by a large number of Ottawa brethren including R.W. Bros. J. Alex. Ross, E. J. McCleery, E. S. McPhail. I visited Russell lodge on May the seventh, this lodge has very comfortable quarters.

The second degree was under inspection, W. Bro. A. E. Sparks seemed to know his work but seemed to be very nervous in performing it, this detracted a little from the effectiveness. The lodge has a very good secretary in W. Bro. J. A. Gamble.

Corinthian, No. 476. I visited this lodge at North Gower, on Friday, June 1st. I was accompanied by a large delegation of brethren from Ottawa, also brethren from Richmond. There was also a very good attendance of lodge members of Corinthian present. The work of the evening was very well performed showing that that Master W. Bro. M. J.

Haggins and his officers took considerable interest in making their work impressive and proficient.

Bonnechere, No. 433 on Monday, June 11th, 1928. I made my official visit to this lodge at Eganville. I had a large number of brethren in my deputation from Cobden, Renfrew, Pembroke, Arnprior and Ottawa. I was introduced to the lodge, by R.W. Bro. Reeves.

The W. Master, W. Bro. John M. Joynt having moved away the immediate past master, W. Bro. Irwin Thompson, acted as Master. The work of the evening was quite acceptably performed by the officers of the lodge after which we were entertained at a very tastefully arranged banquet, provided by the ladies of the Anglican Church.

Cobden, No. 459. My official visit to my own lodge on Tuesday, June 12th, 1928, concluded my visits of inspection to the lodges of Ottawa Masonic District. This visit will I think be a memorable one in the Masonic life of our lodge. The musical part of the ceremony was conducted by members of the Ottawa Temple Choir and added to the interest of the degree work. There was the largest number of visiting brethren present in the history of masonry in our village, including a wonderful deputation from Ottawa city.

Wor. Bro. H. C. Morris conferred the first degree in an almost perfect manner, the rest of the officers were quite efficient also. This fact with the music provided made the work of the evening most interesting. At the conclusion of my remarks the Ruling Masters of Ottawa City and Westboro Lodges presented me with a very beautiful and costly gold watch most beautifully inscribed and an address which I shall treasure very highly. This presentation from these brethren will ever be remembered by me as the greatest tribute of good fellowship which I may ever receive.

At the banquet provided by the lady friends of the members of Cobden Lodge an enjoyable time was spent. Many splendid addresses were given, including addresses from R.W. Bros. Dr. Josephs, J. Alex. Ross and Dr. Jas. Reeves. The music was provided by brethren from Ottawa City and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. At the conclusion of the program I was presented with a beautiful set of gold cuff links by the brethren of my own lodge. This tribute of regard from my brethren of Cobden lodge will ever be remembered by me.

My task is done. The office so gracefully bestowed on me passes to my successor and I bespeak for him the same sympathetic co-operation which I have received from every part of the district during the year.

I have enjoyed my association with the brethren of the Ottawa Masonic District, during the year and shall ever treasure the very many splendid friends I have made.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR COLLINS,

D.D.G.M. Ottawa District.

PETERBOROUGH DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren.

I have the honour to submit, what I feel to be, a very encouraging report of the condition of Masonry in the District of Peterborough.

I appreciate very greatly the confidence of my brethren in electing me to the office of District Deputy Grand Master and the consideration of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in ratifying my election at a time when I was absent from Canada. On my return from abroad and installation, which was ably done by R.W. Bro. H. R. H. Kenner at the September meeting of my mother lodge, Corinthian No. 101, I appointed W. Bro. John Comstock, District Secretary and R.W. Bro. Rev. Dr. R. C. Blagrave kindly consented to act as District Chaplain.

I have made official visits to all lodges in the district and am pleased to report that in every case the working of the ritual is well done and accurate in all three degrees.

Where all the work is so well done it is difficult to particularize but I must commend J. B. Hall Lodge No. 145 at Millbrook as possibly excelling on the part of all officers and Past Masters sharing in the work, not only in the exactitude of their ritual but in impressiveness of delivery.

For beauty and effectiveness of musical ritual I would commend Corinthian Lodge No. 101 at Peterborough, whose choir under the direction of their organist Bro. Fred Mann is always an outstanding feature.

An event of greatest importance to the District was the visit of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Hon. John S. Martin, on 22nd November, 1927, accompanied by R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan, Grand Secretary. It was my privilege to arrange so that the W. Masters of the various lodges were enabled to meet the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the R.W. the Grand Secretary and other Grand Lodge Officers informally at dinner, when problems in connection with the several lodges were discussed. As was to be expected the meeting in the lodge room overcrowded our premises and an adjournment was made to the Hall of the Canadian Legion where the brethren were addressed by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the R.W. the Grand Secretary, and the Most Worshipful the Grand Master on my behalf presented the Chairman of the District Past Masters' Association with a "Travelling Square" to be carried among the lodges of the district, with a view of encouraging fraternal visits.

It seems appropriate here to say that the "Travelling Square" is proving eminently satisfactory for the purpose for which it was intended. The idea is not new, but I am glad to commend it to other Districts as a means of promoting uniform work, friendly competition in efficiency and closer and more brotherly relations.

At all my official visits the attendance was most gratifying, Brethren from other lodges in the district driving, in some cases forty miles, to aid in making the occasion one of masonic enthusiasm and inspiration. At Hastings Lodge No. 633, *every lodge* in the district was represented and generally the warm friendships and brotherly masonic spirit that is being cemented between members of our different lodges is most encouraging.

I find that the percentage of attendance to resident members is higher in the smaller places than in Peterborough. This, I think, is only natural and is on account of their being more and different meetings of business and interest in the larger center.

In most of our lodges, heating and ventilating are serious problems—many members want to come to lodge but hesitate on account of unnecessary warmth and bad ventilation.

I appreciate the difficulty of punctuality when members have to travel a considerable distance to attend lodge but I believe it would be better to make the opening hour 8 or 8.30 o'clock and open on time than 7.30 o'clock and be an hour late, as I found to be the case on several of my visits.

On 24th May, the new Temple of Percy Lodge No. 161, Warkworth was dedicated by the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, assisted by many Grand Lodge Officers. This new home of Masonry is a distinct gain to the district and will prove a source of profit and pleasure to Percy Lodge in the years to come.

June 24th, the Festival of St. John the Baptist, falling on Sunday this year was marked by a Masonic service for the District at St. John's Church, Peterborough, our Chaplain, R.W. Bro. Rev. Dr. R. C. Blagrave, Past Grand Chaplain, officiating. The attendance was large and fully representative of the district; the service thoroughly inspirational and the sermon instructive and interesting. A service of this nature, joined in by members of lodges in all parts of the district forms another strong bond of brotherhood and I believe is greatly appreciated by all taking part.

Excellent work is being accomplished by the District Past Masters' Association which holds regular meetings in May and October in each year and a plan is now under consideration by which a register of speakers on masonic subjects will be kept by the secretary, one of whom will be available to attend and speak in lodge or at the refreshment hour, in lodges other than his own, when requested.

In the City of Peterborough, Masonry is very strong and virile and it would appear that the time

is not far distant when a fourth lodge should be instituted. In this connection, I am glad to note the progress being made with the Foundation Fund for the building of a temple in this city. It should not be long before the Craft in Peterborough are established in permanent and adequate quarters.

Finally, I wish to express my appreciation of the cordiality shown me and the support accorded me throughout the District, during the year. The office has been to me a pleasure and an interest and if my service has been of benefit to Masonry in the district, I am more than repaid.

Fraternally and respectfully submitted,

W. R. MORRIS,

D.D.G.M. Peterborough District.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honor of submitting herewith my report on the condition of Masonry, in Prince Edward District for the year ending June 30th, 1928.

I first wish to express my sincere appreciation of the high honor conferred upon me as the representative of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master in this district, and for the courtesy and kindness shown me, during my term of office.

My first official duty was to appoint W. Bro. Geo. F. Little, District Secretary, and Bro. Rev. W. S. Boyce, B.A., B.D., District Chaplain, and I wish to thank these brethren as well as the many other brethren of United Lodge, for their assistance on my various visits.

I visited all the lodges, and in addition to giving instruction, addressed the members on some subject of Masonic interest, which from the attention given, seems to have been appreciated. The District was honored with an Official Visit of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. John S. Martin, which took place on the evening of April 26th. The reception was in the form of a Banquet given in Johnstons Hall, Belleville, at which over 500 brethren were present and enjoyed a very pleasant and profitable evening. Among the visitors accompanying the Grand Master, were R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan, Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Samuel Kirk, Grand Junior Warden and R.W. Bro. W. S. Herrington, Chairman of the Condition of Masonry. The address of the Grand Master, regarding the importance of our Fraternity, in promoting the welfare of new coming people of this country was

an inspiration, I believe to every brother present, and will long be remembered by the members of the Craft who were fortunate enough to be present. Bro. Banquier, "The Radio Four Quartette" and the Eureka Lodge Orchestra, furnished song and music adding much to the evening's enjoyment.

From the success of this meeting, I feel that every Grand Master should visit Prince Edward District officially during his term of office. Prince Edward District does not have a Past Masters' Association, and as some matters of interest to the District, needed discussion I called a special meeting of Past Masters, Masters and Wardens to meet in Belleville Masonic Temple on the 8th of June. at which over 40 were present, and so pleasant and interesting, that it was resolved that the incoming D.D.G.M. call a similar meeting during his term of office. It was considered preferable to a Past Masters' Association, avoiding the necessity of carrying on another organization.

Lodges of Instruction are not at present being held in Prince Edward District, but instead, interchange of visits by the lodge is advocated, as conducive to better work. I am pleased to say that many lodges in this district are doing this to the mutual benefit of those participating. The officers of all lodges are zealous, earnest and anxious to do their work properly and I have found the work as exemplified to be uniformly good, as per the following report of the various lodges.

Official Visits

Franck Lodge, No. 127, Frankford, Ont. My first official visit was made to Franck Lodge, on Monday evening, October 3rd, and the lodge room was filled to capacity. In addition to its own members a large number of visitors were present, among whom was R.W. Bro. J. W. Barlow, P.D.D.G.M. The work of the 2nd degree was exemplifie by W. Bro. Arthur and his officers in a very efficient manner, leaving very little for criticism.

Prince Edward Lodge No. 18, Picton, Ont. My official visit was made to Prince Edward Lodge, on Thursday evening, October 6th, and was accompanied again by a good delegation from my own lodge. Among the visitors were R.W. Bros. R. H. Spencer and W. J. Potts of Trent Lodge, Trenton. W. Bro. Hurlbut and Officers exemplified the 2nd degree in a splendid manner, several of the Past Masters of the lodge assisting, and a fine spirit of harmony is evident.

Stirling Lodge No. 69, Stirling, Ont. Stirling Lodge was filled to capacity on my official visit on October 13th many visitors being present among whom were M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, P.G.M.; R.W. Bro. W. S. Herrington; R.W. Bro. J. W. Barlow; and R.W. Bro. F. E. Brown. The E.A. degree was conferred on a candidate by Wor. Bro. Fox, and the officers in an impressive manner all taking their parts well. The books are efficiently kept by the secretary, Bro. Linn and the progress of the lodge is evidenced by the assistance of R.W. Bro. Dr. Potts and W. Bro. Walt.

Tweed Lodge, No. 239, Tweed, Ont. I had the pleasure of visiting Tweed Lodge, on the evening of Nov. 4th the home lodge of the immediate P.D.D.G. M., R.W. Bro. F. E. Brown, and also a splendid turnout of the lodge was present.

Tweed lodge is officered by young brethren who are enthusiastic in their work and exemplified the 2nd degree in an able manner, with credit to themsleves under direction of the W.M., R. E. Houston. R.W. Bro. Brown in the banquet hall, gave an address on "The wages of an entered apprentice", that was much appreciated by all.

Eureka Lodge No. 283, Belleville, Ont. I visited Eureka Lodge on Wednesday evening, November 9th and received a fine reception. It being Armistice week, the lodge was also honoring returned soldier brethren. The 2nd degree was exemplified in a splendid manner for my approval by W. Bro. A. L.

Burke and Officers. At the banquet we were entertained by the orchestra, all of whom are members of Eureka Lodge.

Lake Lodge No. 215, Ameliasburg, Ont. A large crowd greeted me on my official visit to Lake Lodge, on Monday evening Dec. 5th and I was received with the proverbial hospitality that Prince Edward County is noted for. The 3rd degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Gooding and his officers in a very satisfactory manner being ably assisted by W. Bro. Coleman who is most impressive in any part he takes. The brethren of Lake lodge are very loyal and enthusiastic Masons.

The Belleville Lodge, No. 123, Belleville, Ont. I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge, on Thursday evening, Feb. 2nd, and was cordially received by W. Bro. Reed and his brother officers. The work of the 3rd degree was excellently exemplified by the W. Master and the officers, assisted by past Masters, and R.W. Bro. H. J. Clarke. M.W. W. N. Ponton, a member of this lodge was present and gave an interesting talk on the Scotch exemplification of the same degree. The Belleville, is a flourishing lodge with an average attendance for the past year of about 100, and with every evidence of continuing success.

Consecon Lodge No. 50, Consecon, Ont. I visited Consecon Lodge, on Friday evening, March 2nd, at which there was a good attendance of members and visitors. The work of the 2nd degree was exemplified by the Master, W. Bro. Calley and his officers in a satisfactory manner. A splendid feeling of fellowship exists in this lodge, which is also financially in good order.

United Lodge No. 29, Brighton, Ont. I officially visited my mother lodge, United Lodge No. 29, on Tuesday evening March 6th. A large number of members and visitors were present. The initiation of a candidate was exemplified with musical ritual by W. Bro. Roblin and the officers and though it is my

own lodge, I feel I can say, the work was very efficient. United lodge is officered this year by young men of ability and everything looks bright for a successful year.

Moira Lodge No. 11, Belleville, Ont. My visit to Moira Lodge, took place on Wednesday evening March 7th and the rooms were filled to overflowing. The brethren as a compliment to the Wor. Master, who was initiating his son into the craft, had made it a Scotch night, and it was a night long to be remembered. The initiation was exemplified by the Master and officers, in faultless manner evidencing that the management of old Moira is in good hands.

Trent Lodge, No. 38, Trenton, Ont. My official visit to Trent Lodge was made on Tuesday evening, March 13th and though a rainy night, a large number of members and visitors were present. The 2nd degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Sager and his officers in a satisfactory manner. Trent lodge is very proud of its new Temple, as it has a right to be, being modern and very complete. My visit was on the first anniversary of its being used and they are progressing very favorably, in every way.

Star in the East, No. 164, Wellington, Ont. On Tuesday evening, April 3rd, I paid my official visit to Star in the East Lodge, and again a large crowd greeted me with many visitors from surrounding lodges. Wor. Master Barton Cronk and his officers assisted by past masters exemplified the 3rd degree with musical accompaniment, very efficiently. Star in the East lodge, will greatly miss the services of R.W. Bro. W. W. Fitzgerald, who seemed so well and happy the evening of my visit, but was called to the Grand Lodge above, a couple of days later.

Craig Lodge No. 401, Deseronto, Ont. My official visit to Craig Lodge was made on the evening of Tuesday May 1st, and was very cordially welcomed by the brethren of this lodge. V. Pearce, the W.M. and his officers exemplified the 1st degree on a candi-

date very satisfactorily, the ritual being accompanied by the Masonic odes, making it more impressive for all. With a number of applications for membership coming in, the prospects of the lodge seem quite good.

Marmora Lodge No. 222, Marmora, Ont. I paid my official visit to Marmora Lodge on Monday evening May 21st, and was given a splendid reception by the brethren. Marmora brethren in their renovated rooms are quite proud of their lodge rooms and the work of W.M., W. Bro. Berry and his officers was in keeping with their fine appointments, the work exemplified being the 3rd degree with musical accompaniment. The musical accompaniment always adds dignity and impressiveness to the ceremony.

Bancroft Lodge, No. 428, Bancroft, Ont. In company with the District Chaplain, Rev. Bro. Boyce, I paid my official visit to Bancroft Lodge on Monday evening May 28th, and experienced a very pleasant time. The motor trip through the 50 miles of undeveloped country was very pleasant and unusual, and as one would expect the greeting by the members of this north lodge was very hearty and of the true Masonic spirit. The 3rd degree was exemplified by the W.M., W. Bro. Church, and his officers in an efficient manner and worthy of commendation.

Madoc Lodge No. 48, Madoc, Ontario. My official visits were brought to a close with my visit to Madoc Lodge, on Tuesday evening May 28th and this lodge as usual on the visit of the D.D.G.M. gave a very hearty greeting to the representiative of the Grand Master. Many visitors were present from the surrounding lodges evidencing the harmony existing among the brethren of Prince Edward District. W. Bro. Frank Smith who was master some years ago, is again master this year and with his officers initiated a candidate in a proper manner. The lodge is progressing and an enlargement of the premises is now being made.

In concluding my report, I wish to again express my appreciation of the many kindnesses shown me by

the brethren of the District and I bespeak for my successor the same courteous and friendly co-operation which has been accorded me.

Fraternally submitted,

OSCAR L. MORROW,
D.D.G.M. Prince Edward District.

SARNIA DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honour and pleasure of submitting my report on the condition of Masonry in the Sarnia District for the year 1927-28.

Before entering on a detailed account of the year's proceedings, may I be permitted to record my sincere appreciation of the highest honour the brethren of the Sarnia District can confer upon a brother; and to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master for his ratification of such election.

I desire also to acknowledge with grateful appreciation the loyalty shown by, and the valuable assistance received from Past District Deputy Grand Masters and other Grand Lodge Officers, also the courtesies shown me by the Past Masters and Officers of the different lodges throughout Sarnia District.

I wish to especially mention my appreciation of the honour shown me, and the lodges of the district by having the presence of Most Worshipful Robert P. Anderson, Past Grand Master of the State of Michigan, who accompanied me on many of my official visits.

Having in mind the suggestion of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master that the report of the District Deputy Grand Master be limited as to space, I will endeavour to accede to his request.

My first official act was to appoint R.W. Bro. Canon D. W. Collins as District Chaplain, and W. Bro. W. J. Alcock as District Secretary.

The high degree of efficiency shown by the officers of the different lodges left very little room for criticism and made my official visits of inspection both easy and pleasant to perform, denoting as usual the high standard of Masonic work adhered to in Sarnia District. For this reason I shall refrain from dealing with each lodge individually as one cannot do so and avoid repetition.

There were, however, the following suggestions and recommendations offered by me which I found necessary.

The first was that more care be given to the receiving and accepting of applications in order to keep our lodges and Masonic fraternity on the proper elevation of dignity.

The second that more attention be given to the candidate after receiving his degrees from a social standpoint.

The third, that the investiture of the apron by the Senior Warden and the uniformity in wearing the same with reference to the ruling that the apron be worn outside of the outer garments at all assemblies and not under the coats as I have found in many cases.

The fourth, that the Master Elect be more careful in appointing junior officers so that it may not be found necessary at a later date to dispense with their services.

I emphasized as well that it was a great liability to any lodge internally as well as externally and also to the Craft in general to have an inefficient Worshipful Master when the other Officers are efficient lowering the dignity and prestige of the lodge owing to the fact that the principal officer has fallen by the wayside.

Lodge of Instruction

On Oct. 28th, 1927, I held a Lodge of Instruction at the Masonic Hall, Sarnia, which was well attended by the brethren of the District and in every way was a success. We were honoured by the presence of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Hon. John S. Martin, R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan, Grand Secretary and Most Worshipful Robt. P. Anderson, P.G.M., representing the Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan-

At 2 p.m. the lodge was opened by W. Bro. A. Lichorish and officers of Liberty Lodge No. 419. After the opening, the chairs were taken by W. Bro. S. Richardson and officers of Huron Lodge No. 392, who exemplified the First Degree in a very creditable manner.

At 4 p.m. the officers of Huron Lodge vacated their chairs in favour of the Past District Deputy Grand Masters of Sarnia District with R.W. Bro. W. J. McCormick as the Wor. Master who exemplified the Third Degree in a manner showing that their efficiency in connection with the rendition of the beautiful and sublime degree of a Master Mason was ever up to standard although most of them of late had not been actively engaged in the work.

The Grand Lodge Officers complimented both the Officers of Huron Lodge No. 392 and the Past District Deputies on the excellence of their work being a credit to the Masonic Fraternity of this district.

A banquet was served in honour of the distinguished guests, The Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary under the auspices of Liberty Lodge at 7 p.m. which was largely attended by the brethren of the district.

The musical program of the evening was under the supervision of V.W. Bro. W. E. C. Workman.

Presentations of silver were made to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and R.W. Bro. the

Grand Secretary, which were graciously received by the recipients who also favoured us with enlightening and instructive addresses.

As a little courtesy and token of respect, Most Worshipful Robt. P. Anderson, P.G.M., representative of the Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan was presented with a floral tribute by myself as D.D.G.M. of Sarnia District who suitably replied acknowledging same by a very interesting discourse.

After listening to addresses from R.W. Bro. Canon Collins, R.W. Bro. W. J. McCormick, W. Bro. W. T. Goddison, M.P., W. Bro. Robt. Kerr, Bro. W. S. Haney, M.P.P., Bro. (Sheriff) A. J. Johnston, and Bro. (Ex-Mayor) Thos. H. Cook, the banquet and evening's entertainment was brought to a close.

In concluding I would like to thank most heartily all the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Officers and Brethren who have so enthusiastically assisted me in the performance of my duties. They have made it the most pleasant year in my Masonic career ever to be remembered by me.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. E. McKELVEY,

D.D.G.M Sarnia District.

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

In submitting my report on the condition of Masonry in South Huron District for the year ending the 30th June, 1928, it is fitting that I should first record my deep and sincere appreciation of the honor which the brethren of this district conferred upon me in electing me as their representative of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master. I wish also to thank the brethren of the ditsrict for the courtesy, kindness and hospitality which have been so generously extended to me throughout the year. I have endeavored to the utmost of my ability to fulfill the duties reposed in me and to maintain the honour and dignity of the office. To what degree I have been successful I leave to the judgment of time and my brethren.

My first official action was to again appoint V.W. Bro. E. Denroche, District Secretary, an office which he has filled with credit and dignity for many years and to him I wish to express my thanks for his valuable assistance and counsel.

On the 2nd September, 1927, the new lodge rooms of Doric Lodge No. 233, Parkhill, were dedicated by R.W. Bro. J. A. Myers assisted by many past and present Grand Lodge Officers and members.

During the year I have officially visited and inspected the work of all the lodges of the district as follows:

October 4th, 1927, Doric No. 233, Parkhill, where the third degree was exemplified in an excellent manner by W. Bro. MacPherson assisted by W. Bro. Young and V.W. Bro. Gilbert. This was the first degree the officers had conferred since their installa-

tion and the work was creditably done. The new lodge rooms which had recently been dedicated are nicely furnished, well ventilated and very suitable for masonic use.

Deember 5th, 1927, Zurich Lodge No. 224, Hensall, where the first degree was efficiently exemplified by W. Bro. Bolton and his staff of officers, the charge being impressively delivered by W. Bro. Chapman. W. Bro. Hemphill attends well to his duties as secretary.

December 12th 1927, Stratford Lodge No. 332, Stratford, where the first degree was conferred in a highly creditable manner by W. Bro. Bexon. The business affairs of this lodge are efficiently looked after by their secretary, V.W. Bro. Denroche. During the banquet hour an illuminating talk on masonic history was given by W. Bro. Gregory, many visitors were present, among them R.W. Bro. Myers, my predecessor in office who contributed in his usual good style to help make the evening one of pleasure and profit to all present.

April 2nd, 1928, Britannia Lodge No. 170, Seaforth, where the second degree was conferred in a very able manner by W. Bro. McMillan and his staff of capable officers. The candidate reflected creditably on the brethren responsible for his coaching. R.W. Bro. Aberhardt is secretary of this lodge and their affairs are in excellent condition.

April 6th, 1928, Clinton Lodge No. 84, Clinton, where W. Bros. Scribbens and Rozell conferred the third degree in a very impressive manner. R.W. Bro. Shaw and Rourke are a tower of strength to this lodge and W. Bro. Chant, secretary, looks well to the duties of his office.

April 10th, 1928, Tavistock Lodge No. 609. Unfortunately their candidate had suddenly been taken ill consequently no degree work was done, the lodge, however, was opened in the various degrees and

instructive discussion afforded. W. Bro. Holly is secretary and keeps the records and business affairs of the lodge in first class condition. Among the many visitors present was W. Bro. Sherwood of Woodstock who, in the refreshment hour gave a very interesting talk on Royal Arch Masonry.

April 20th, 1928, Tecumseh Lodge No. 144, Stratford, where the first degree was very ably conferred by W. Bro. Scott on an unusually attentive candidate. The senior warden being ill the junior officers were all advanced a step for the meeting and the junior warden's charge was exceptionally well given by Bro. McCullough, the senior deacon, while the master's charge given by W. Bro. Money left nothing to be desired. W. Bro. Rust looks well to his duties as secretary.

April 23rd, 1928, St. Mary's No. 493, St. Marys, where the first degree was conferred by W. Bro. Chappell and his officers in a splendid manner. R.W. Bro. Richardson is a member of this lodge and adds much to their good work. The secretary's duties are well performed by Bro. Parkinson.

April 30th, 1928, Granton, No. 483, Granton, where W. Bro. McRoberts had the unique pleasure of initiating his oldest son into masonry. The work was well done throughout and the duties of the secretary's office are efficiently performed by Bro. Foster. Many eminent visitors were present including among them R.W. Bro. Lee, ruling district deputy of London district.

May 3rd, 1928, Irving, No. 154, Lucan, where the second degree was conferred in an excellent manner by W. Bro. Stanley and his staff of officers. This is the lodge of R.W. Bro. Dr. Orme who was district deputy in 1925. Many visitors were present including among others R.W. Bros. J. Birnie Smith, Ezra and Love of London who contributed much to the success of the evening.

May 7th, 1928, St. James No. 73, St. Marys, where the first degree was conferred in an exceptionally perfect manner by W. Bro. Creighton and his staff of officers. W. Bro. Creighton is an unusually well skilled master and conferred the entire degree including the Master's charge in a most impressive manner. W. Bro. Brandon, the secretary, looks well to the duties of his office.

May 8th, 1928, Maitland No. 33, Goderich, was of course the banner night of my year, this being my own home lodge, the third degree was conferred in splendid manner by W. Bro. Vrooman assisted by W. Bros. MacKay and Croft and R.W. Bro. Dunlop. W. Bro. Megaw is an excellent secretary, keeps the affairs of the lodge in first class condition and is usually able to report no dues outstanding more than twelve months. Many visitors were present including R.W. Bro. Edwin Smith, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masonry in Canada, my predecessor R.W. Bro. Myers and R.W. Bro. Porterfield, who contributed much to the success of the program of the banquet.

May 10th, Craig Lodge No. 574, Ailsa Craig, where the second degree was conferred by W. Bro. Smith in a manner calling for congratulations from myself and many visitors. This is one of the newer lodges of the district and they are doing good work.

May 15th, 1928, Tudor Lodge No. 141, Mitchell, where the first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Hingst and his staff of officers in an almost flawless manner. The junior warden's charge by Bro. Wilson and the Master's charge by V.W. Bro. Mortson were exceptionally well given. R.W. Bro. Myers is secretary and adds much strength to the lodge.

May 21st, 1928, Lebanon-Forest, No. 133, Exeter, where the first degree was conferred by W. Bro. Thompson and his staff of officers. It is the practice of the officers of this lodge to hold rehearsals weekly which was strongly reflected in the high stand-

ard of perfection with which every officer performed his work. V.W. Bro. Heaman gave the Master's charge most effectively and W. Bro. Creech looks well to his duties as secretary.

May 28th, 1928, Milverton, No. 478, Milverton, where the second degree was conferred by W. Bro. Tye and his officers. The work commanded the congratulations of myself and a large number of visitors. W. Bro. Siegner is an efficient secretary.

May 30th, 1928, Morningstar Lodge No. 309, Carlow, where the fellow-craft degree was conferred in a very perfect manner by W. Bro. Wilson and his officers. This is perhaps the most unique lodge in our district situated as it is in Colborne Township and its membership being composed with few exceptions entirely of farmers. It does a splendid work in the community and is fortunate in having three veterans of our craft who have been master masons upwards of fifty years in the persons of W. Bros. Col. Varcoe, John Wilson and Wm. Baillie, all taking an active interest in their beloved fraternity.

June 7th, 1928, Elma Lodge No. 456, Moncton, where W. Bro. Ullner and his officers initiated a candidate in a very good manner. W. Bro. Hobbs is an excellent secretary and the lodge is doing good work.

At all the meetings there were present many visitors from neighboring lodges and a fine fraternal spirit was much in evidence. Many of the lodges have inter-lodge visits and masonry in this district is in a healthy condition and showing steady progress. The officers are capable men, the members reasonably enthusiastic, the candidates of good type, the attendance fairly good and the entertainment in the banquet rooms, as it should be, of a high order.

In conclusion I wish to thank the past masters and brethren of Maitland lodge who have accompanied me on my various visits and contributed so much to their success.

It's the great thought in heaven or earth
It helps us know our fellow's worth;
There'd be no wars or bitterness,
No fear, no hate, no grasping; yes
It makes work play, and the careworn free
When I appreciate you and you appreciate me.

Fraternally submitted,

A. J. MacKAY,

D.D.G.M. South Huron District.

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honor to present herewith my report on the condition of Masonry throughout the District of St. Lawrence during the past year.

First, let me thank the brethren of the District for the signal honor done me, in electing me, as their representative of the Most Worshipful of the Grand Master. Also to let the brethren know, how keenly I appreciate their splendid loyalty, extreme courtesy and unbounded hospitality, shown me at all times.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. Meldrin G. Corbett, Merrickville Lodge No. 55, District Secretary, and reappoint V.W. Bro. Rev. T. H. H. Hall, District Chaplain. Both these brethren accompanied me on many of my visits and assisted me greatly in my work.

It was my privilege to visit every lodge in the District, on every occasion but two, on the regular meetings of the respective lodges, and was pleased to find that the officers generally, were efficient in their duties, and have the best interest of Masonry at heart.

September 8th, 1927, Athens. The annual meeting of the Past Masters and Wardens Association of the District of St. Lawrence was held here. The attendance, most encouraging, every lodge being represented, 95 members present. A splendid banquet was provided by the ladies of the local Chapter of the Eastern Star. After the election of officers for the ensuing year, R.W. Bro. A. W. Gray of Frontenac District addressed the brethren most acceptably, on his impressions of Grand Lodge in

Guelph. The association is functioning splendidly and serves a very useful purpose in the work of the District. At the June meeting held in Merrickville, W. Bro. Morley Earl, of Rising Sun No. 85 Athens, was nominated as the endorsed candidate for the D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year. The invitation was accepted of St. James, No. 74, South Augusta, to hold the next meeting of the association in their lodgeroom, in September. We were privileged to have with us W. Bro. the Ven. Archdeacon, J. H. H. Coleman, M.A., of Kingston, who delivered an instructive address forcibly pointing out those qualities that go to make better craftsmen.

September 27th, 1927. Accompanied the officers and some fifty members of St. Francis Lodge No. 24 Smith's Falls, to Montreal, where they visited the Prince Consort Lodge No. 52 G.R.Q., and exemplified the E.A. Degree in a most satisfactory manner. The expression of good will and cordiality, by the brethren of the Prince Consort Lodge was of the very highest order. The acting Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Willis with many Grand Lodge Officers, graced the occasion with their presence. W. Bro. J. R. Drew, W.M. Francis Lodge, No. 24, came in for much commendation for the very capable manner he conducted the work.

October 7th. St. Francis No. 24, Smith's Falls. Visited this lodge officially, accompanied by R.W. Bro. G. B. Magee, V.W. Bro. Hall and District Sec. W. Bro. M. G. Corbett. Over sixty members greeted me, and the second degree was worked in splendid form. Regret was expressed for the enforced absence at this meeting due to a severe cold, of R.W. Bro. Fluker, the efficient secretary of this lodge. W. Bro. Grant Jones assistant secretary acting. The lodge room, books and all documents are in first class shape. I was pleased to be supported by P.D.D.G.M's Bros. C. M. Forbes, W. T. Ferguson and W. Bro. Rev. H. H. Bedford Jones, who addressed the brethren in eloquent terms.

October 10th, St. James No. 74, South Augusta.

Was heartily received by W. Bro. Ferguson and a large attendance. Ninety seven brethren being present. The M.M. Degree was faultlessly exemplified. P.D.D.G.M.'s Gray, McKim, McGee, Dewey, Dowell, supported me with their council and wealth of experience. The brethren of this lodge deserve particular credit for their splendid lodge quarters. Enthusiasm in the work is reflected everywhere. Lodge property is in fine shape.

October 19th, Harmony, No. 370, Delta. Although the weather was not good—very dark and wet, over sixty brethren welcomed me. The E.A. degree was well put on. The Junior Warden's work being particularly impressive. Many visiting brethren from neighboring lodges were present.

October 20th, Rising Sun, No. 85, Athens. Was very cordially received, some forty brethren being present. No degree work being on, lodge was opened and closed in all degrees. Lodge property in splendid condition and I received a favorable impression of the work of this lodge. The efficient secretary Bro. Watt, has the books and lodge records well in hand.

November 1st, Central, No. 110, Prescott. The attendance over one hundred and thirty on the occasion of my official visit. In the absence of any degree work, W. Bro. Simpson opened and closed in all degrees. A pleasing feature of this meeting was the presence of an old Prescott boy, W. Bro. Birg. General Winter of Rideau Lodge, Ottawa, who gave a most interesting talk on experiences in his varied military career. W. Bro. Ranson, the efficient secretary, is deserving of special recognition for his splendid work.

November 3rd, Lansdowne, No. 387. Was pleasantly received by over forty enthusiastic brethren. W. Bro. Bradley opened and closed in all degrees, and expressed disappointment in the absence of the brother for raising who was prevented from attending this evening. The property of the lodge is

in good shape, work is well done and the books and records, in the care of W. Bro. Landon are in fine shape.

November 4th, Nation No. 556, Spencerville. My visit here was an inspiration and delight. Over sixty brethren present. W. Bro. Smail has an efficient staff of officers to support him. Bro. Jenkinson was received and duly initiated in a manner very creditable to the lodge. The lecture of the Junior Warden was most impressive. The banquet which followed was sumptuous and bright, with wit and humor and wholesome good fellowship. The beautiful temple with commodious banquet room is a credit to the District.

November 7th, Macoy, No. 242, Mallorytown. Over one hundred and thirty brethren greeted me on my visit to this lodge on the evening of Thanksgiving day. Although the Master, W. Bro. Hubert Scott has been under great physical strain for two days previously (to a train wreck in his division) he exemplified the M.M. Degree with efficient officers in a high satisfactory manner. Several P.D.D.G.M's honored the occasion with their presence. I was pleased to be introduced by P.D.D.G.M., W. Bro. J. A. Derbyshire. The sumptuous banquet which folllowed was most in keeping with the Thanksgiving season. The lodge property is in good shape and an efficient secretary has the books and records well in hand.

November 9th, Crystal Fountain Nol 389, North Augusta. Several brethren of Merrickville Lodge accompanied me on my visit to this lodge. The brethren of the lodge had just returned from attending the funeral of their late brother W. H. Webster. W. Bro. A. I. Smith worked the E.A. Degree fairly well. In the absence due to sickness, of the secretary, Bro. W. W. Bobier, W. Bro. Ralph acted as secretary. The lodge property is in good shape and is a credit to the members of Crystal Fountain.

December 3rd, St. Francis, No. 24, Smith's Falls. This lodge received and entertained the officers

and members of the Prince Consort Lodge No. 52, G.R.Q. Over two hundred brethren present, with M.W. Bro. Williamson and D.D.G.M. McArthur of Montreal District No. 2 accompanying. The visiting brethren put on E.A. degree in a splendid manner with the lecture delightfully illustrated by lantern slides. The address at the banquet table struck a particularly high note. Such interchange of visits, cannot but broaden the vision and deepen the spirit of common interest in the work.

December 6th, Lyn No. 416. Forty brethren greeted me on my visit to this lodge. W. Bro. Booth, with a most efficient staff of officers exemplified the E.A. degree. This lodge is in fine shape and P.D.D. G.M. R.W. Bro. M. Brown is always ready to contribute of his experience and judgment in the help of the work. Bro. Stafford is a capable secretary and has the books and records well in hand.

December 27th, No. 55, Merrickville. Attended my mother lodge officially, on the occasion of the installation of the officers on the festival of St. John the Evangelist. Thirty-five brethren were present. In the absence of the ruling master, the immediate past master, W. Bro. M. T. Carson assumed the gavel, with R.W. Bro. R. W. Watchorn acting as installing officer. R.W. Bro. Watchorn is fifty-four years active in the Craft, and is always ready to support and assist in any department of the work. The officers are well skilled and the books and records are well in hand with W. Bro. M. G. Corbett the efficient secretary. Durng the past year, the lodge purchased the entire real estate and now control the splendid stone block occupied by the lodge for several years. The brethren are to be congratulated for acquiring such fine property for lodge purposes.

January 13th, 1928. Osiris No. 489, Smith's Falls. Over one hundred and forty members greeted me at their regular meeting in January. The E.A. Degree was exemplified in a most perfect manner by W.M. W. D. Saunders and staff of efficient officers.

Secretary Bro. J. W. Gray delivering the charge most impressively. Was honored on this occasion, with the presence of P.D.D.G.M. Newsome of Saskatchewan, an old St. Lawrence District boy, and P.D.D.G. Ms. Magee, Forbes, and W. Bro. Dr. H. H. Bedford-Jones who made valuable contributions to the work of the evening, which was altogether a most delightful occasion and most convincing that Osiris lodge is in a very satisfactory condition.

March 1st, Ancient St. Johns No. 33, Kingston, with whom I had the honor to join in welcoming the Grand Master to Eastern Ontario. Was most favorably impressed with the splendid degree work, delightful Masonic temple, and the warm fraternal regard to visitors. The addresses at the Banquet table were of a high order; the Grand Master presenting the ideas and ideals of the Craft effectively. I was much pleased to convey the greetings of the neighboring Disrict of St. Lawrence to the brethren of Frontenac District, on this important occasion in their history.

April 12th, Sussex No. 5 and Salem No. 368, Brockville. Accompanied by R.W. Bro. R. A. Patterson of Kemptville, had the pleasure of visiting jointly these two fine Brockville lodges. For one hundred years Craft masonry has been continually and consistently worked here, and the splendid condition of the present day reflects the high class of work done. A large representation of the membership of both lodges, Sussex No. 5 and Salem No. 368, were present to honor the occasion of the visit of the representative of the G.M., including P.D.D.G.Ms. Brown, Dowell, Geiger, Dewey, Patterson and Derbyshire. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, Sussex Lodge opening and the officers of Salem closing down. Both lodges are flourishing, each with the most efficient secretary to whom great credit is due for valuable services. The lodge property is among the finest in Eastern Ontario.

April 28th, Ottawa, had the honor of joining in the reception of the Grand Master M.W. Bro. Hon.

J. S. Martin, at a delightful luncheon tendered him in the Chateau Laurier, when over three hundred brethren of the Ottawa District, and representatives from the adjoining Districts, had the privilege of meeting the Grand Master, the Deputy G.M., R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel and Grand Secretary R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan in an informal way. It was my privilege to convey the greetings of the District of St. Lawrence.

April 28th, Mount Zion, No. 28 Kemptville. My visit to this lodge was most delightful in every respect. Over sixty brethren were present, including many P.D.D.G.M's. The officers of the lodge worked in the E.A. degree most efficiently. The books and records are in splendid shape. This lodge is the custodian of the early records of old Rideau Lodge No. 15 instituted at Burritt's Rapids, in 1815, which include many interesting relics of early Masonic activity in this District. This lodge is enjoying a full measure of prosperity and good fellowship.

May 1st, Evergreen, No. 209, Lanark. There was a splendid representation of the membership to welcome me on my official visit to this fine old lodge located in the historic town of Lanark, on the Clyde. PD.D.G.M's Magee, Watchorn and Forbes accompanied me and the officers worked in the E.A. degree. It was a particular pleasure to visit this lodge, where I met many friends and to find Masonic traditions well maintained.

May 3rd, Otter, No. 504, Lombardy. W. Bro. Geo. Robb, with twenty-five brethren greeted me here. The work in the first degree, was well done, by the officers of the lodge and Bro. J. W. Gray, of Osiris delivering the charge most impressively. Bro. E. Joynt the secretary is a capable officer.

May 7th, True Britons, No. 14, Perth. I was very cordially received, at an emergent meeting, by over ninety brethren, all zealous Masons. A splendid banquet was served at six-thirty, after which the E.A.

degree was faultlessly exemplified. The splendid choir contributed much to the impressiveness of the work and five Veteran P.D.D.G.M's added dignity to the occasion. W. Bro. Hardy and efficient officers have the work well in hand, and W. Bro. Frank Buffam the secretary is a most capable officer.

June 1st, Mount Zion, No. 28, Kemptville. Entertained a delegation of forty brethren, officers and members of Grenville Lodge No. 629, Toronto. District C., accompanied by Deputy Grand Master R. B. Dargavel, and with W. Bro. W. J. Straight, an old St. Lawrence District boy, presiding; the Third Degree was worked most impressively. This inter-visiting of lodge units is the very best token of the general unity and friendly spirit that is general in the Craft.

June 7th, 1928 at Brockville when the Grand Master the M.W. Hon. John S. Martin, visited Sussex No. 5, and opportunity given to the District generally, to meet the Grand Master, and enjoy the personal touch that goes a long way towards deepening the Masonic spirit. The beautiful Temple with its most suitable accommodations provided a delightful setting for the occasion. P.D.D.G.M's, all veterans in the District, officiated in the lodge room, after which a banquet was served. The speeches that followed were unusually fine: that of the Grand Master, most inspiring and Rev. Bro. Herrington, on the condition of Masonry, most illuminating. W. Bro. Bishop Seager, in a happy vein responded to the toast of the visitors, which concluded an altogether delightfully inspiring evening.

To the many P.D.D.G.M's, Past Masters and brethren, who so kindly accompanied me on my visits, particularly R.W. Bro. G. B. Magee, and my immediate predecessor, R.W. Bro. J. A. Derbyshire, I express my sincere thanks. To them I feel much indebted for information and advice in the administration of the District.

In closing I wish to say that harmony prevails throughout the District, uniformly good and impressive work is general, and wholesome enthusiasm in the work is alive everywhere.

Again I thank the brethren for the honor shown me and for their faithful loyalty during the year. Let me bespeak for my successor the same kind consideration and support.

Fraternally submitted,

J. HAROLD KIDD,

D.D.G.M. St. Lawrence District.

ST. THOMAS DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren.

In submitting my report on the condition of Masonry in St. Thomas District I wish to express my gratitude to the brethren of this district for electing me by acclamation last July to represent the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in this District.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. Edward T. Newman of Dufferin Lodge No. 364, District Secretary. He accompanied me on every visit throughout the District and I cannot speak too highly of the service and support rendered by him at all times during my term of office.

I also wish to acknowledge the assistance given my by the members of my own lodge by their splendid loyalty in accompanying me with a strong delegation on every visit. To R.W. Bros. G. R. Stevenson, Hill, Ryckman, Judd and other P.D.D.G.Ms. am I especially indebted for wise council and advise.

I visited all the lodges in the District on their regular meeting dates having in mind the suggestion of our instructor, M.W. Bro. Malone; and it gives me much pleasure to report that Masonry throughout the District is in a very bright and prosperous condition with the exception of Prince of Wales Lodge No. 171, which had the misfortune to have the lodge room destroyed by fire on April 14th, together with the warrant and furniture. They are holding their meetings in Warren Lodge, No. 120, at the present time.

On my official visits I had the pleasure of witnessing degrees exemplified in all the lodges except Dufferin No. 364, my Mother Lodge.

I wish here to mention my official visit to my Mother Lodge. That occasion was also the 50th anniversary of our lodge and was the first time in its history they had the pleasure of receiving one of their own members as D.D.G.M. All the lodges in the District were represented with the exceptions of two and several brethren from the Districts of Chatham, Sarnia and London, including R.W. Bro. Lee, D.D.G. M. and D.D.G.M. Wallace, London District, P.D.D. G.M. Geo. R. Stevenson of this District, who contributed much to the success of the evening. I had the honor on this occasion on behalf of the lodge of presenting to W. Bro. A. Carruthers, the oldest member of Dufferin Lodge and a Past Master for 46 years, a Past Master's Jewel.

The following are the dates on which I paid my official visits to the various lodges:

Oct. 5th, Rodney Lodge No. 411, Rodney;Nov. 4th, Prince of Wales, Lodge No. 171, Lawrence Station; Nov. 8th, St. Marks Lodge, No. 94, Port Stanley; Nov. 9th, Cameron Lodge, No. 232, Dutton; Dec. 6th, McColl Lodge, No. 386, West Lorne; Dec. 15th, St. Davids Lodge, No. 302, St. Thomas; Mar. 1, St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44, St. Thomas; March 22, Talbot Lodge, No. 546, St. Thomas; April 4th, Malahide Lodge No. 140, Aylmer; May 1, Warren Lodge, No. 120, Fingal; May 30th, Dufferin Lodge, No. 364, Melbourne.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. J. STEVENSON,

D.D.G.M. St. Thomas District.

TEMISKAMING DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I take great pleasure in submitting my report on the condition of Masonry in Temiskaming District for the year 1927-8. I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to the brethren of this district for selecting me as their District Deputy, also to the M.W. the Grand Master in ratifying their choice.

I appointed W. Bro. Alfred Brian as District Secretary, and extend to him my thanks for his able assistance.

Institution

By request of the M.W. the Grand Master I instituted Spruce Falls Lodge, at Kapuskasing on February 25th, 1928, and thus added a new unit to the structure of Masonry in our beloved North.

I was ably assisted in this ceremony by R.W. Brothers F. K. Ebbitt, C. W. Haentschel and E. J. Mason and V.W. Brothers G. S. Code, A. J. Hodgson, and E. C. Ward and to them I extend my thanks.

We also had with us a distinguished visitor M.W. Brother A. J. Hatcher a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, who gave the brethren an impressive and helpful address.

We were accompanied on this trip by about eighty brethren from the district lodges, which was indeed very gratifying when we consider the long rail trip necessary with mid-winter weather prevailing and the thermometer at 40 degrees below zero.

Spruce Falls Lodge with forty Charter Members own their building well and comfortably equipped, and we, their brethren of Temiskaming District, are proud of their effort and extend to them our hearty well wishes.

Installations and Investitures

By request of the Worshipful Maters I installed and invested the officers of the following lodges:

Elk Lake No. 507, October 14th, 1927.

Doric Lodge No. 623, December 1st, 1927.

Silver Lodge No. 486, December 5th, 1927.

Englehart Lodge No. 534, December 27th, 1927.

Abitibi Lodge No. 540, January 20th, 1928.

Cochrane Lodge No. 530, June 22nd, 1928.

Temiskaming Lodge No. 462, June 25th, 1928.

To the P.D.D.G.Ms and the Past Masters who kindly assisted me with these ceremonies my thanks are extended.

Official Visits

April 19th, Temiskaming Lodge, No. 462, New Liskeard, First degree.

May 3rd, Doric Lodge No. 623, Kirkland Lake, second degree.

May 7th, Silver Lodge No. 486, Cobalt, second degree.

May 9th, Golden Beaver Lodge, No. 528, Timmins, installation.

May 10th, Porcupine Lodge No. 506, South Porcupine, first degree.

May 11th, Cochrane Lodge No. 530, Cochrane, first degree.

May 14th, Englehart Lodge No. 534, Englehart, first degree.

June 7th, Haileybury Lodge No. 485, Haileybury, second degree.

June 8th, Elk Lake Lodge No. 507, Elk Lake, second degree.

June 15th, Abitibi Lodge No. 540, Iroquois Falls, first degree.

June 23rd, Spruce Falls Lodge U.D., Kapuskasing first degree.

The work in the above lodges was (with but one exception and this is only a temporary condition) uniform and impressively exemplified. The secretaries are all efficient.

Good will and harmony prevails and the brethren cheerfully and obediently reflect in their lives the fundamental principles of masonry.

An an incentive to others I especially wish to mention two lodges.

Abitibi Lodge has a membership of about 127, is thirty-three miles distant to the nearest lodge, and for the first six months of this year had an average attendance as follows:

Regular meetings 74.

Emergent meetings, 50.

No dues outstanding for 1927,

Dues for 1928 are 90% paid.

Secretary is alive to his duties and his work a model of neatness.

Past Masters active and assist at every meeting.

Music at all degrees.

Every officer has two understudies who can substitute at a moment's notice.

A representative is always sent to Grand Lodge.

Hospitality and courtesy is extended to all visitors.

Forty members accompanied me to Kapuskasing to the Institution of that lodge on Feb. 25th.

These statistics are indeed an enviable record and the brethren of this lodge are to be congratulated.

To the lodges that are not very comfortably housed and equipped, I would like to mention the example of Haileybury Lodge.

On two occasions this lodge was completely wiped out by fire. In 1922 when the town was destroyed by that disastrous fire, the brethren lost their places of business and 70% lost their homes, yet in spite of this handicap there has risen from the ruins of one of the churches a model Masonic Temple, which is doubtless one of the finest in any town of its size in the world.

This building is owned jointly by Haileybury Lodge and the Knights Templar of this District.

By the untiring efforts of R.W. Bro. C. W. Haentschel this building stands to-day a symbol of constructive masonry and a monument to our eminent brother, who derives his happiness in life by giving his time and serving others.

We are pioneers and while there is little in us to recall our early ancestors who brought masonry to Ontario, though doubtless there runs in our veins, that pioneer blood, thinned by good living and comforts which they did not enjoy, yet we foster the same spirit of brotherhood which we see demonstrated whenever a new town springs into existence.

Masonry in the north is fulfilling its mission, by ever keeping before the minds of the brethren, a moral and spiritual philosophy of life for every day.

In conclusion I wish to thank the brethren of this district for their thoughtful assistance, courtesy and hospitality and bespeak for my successor the same kind consideration.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

W. E. McCREADY,

D.D.G.M. Temiskaming District.

TORONTO DISTRICT "A"

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

In presenting for your consideration my report on the condition of Masonry in the District, for the year ending June 30th, 1928, I wish in the first place to record my fullest appreciation of the very high honor which the brethren of the district unanimously conferred on me, and also to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, for his confirmation of the same.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. J. H. King of High Park Lodge No. 531, District Secretary, which he graciously accepted, and I am pleased to say that his wide experience and a sincere desire to perform the duties of that office, in a manner fully satisfactory to the brethren of the district, justified the appointment. I am sincerely grateful to him for his services so graciously rendered and which lightened my labors considerably.

To the Worshipful Masters, Officers and Members of the twenty-eight lodges comprising the district, I wish to acknowledge my hearty appreciation of the spirit of co-operation accorded me from the very beginning and all through the year. This spirit of co-operation was particularly exemplified in the re-adjusting of the dates for official visits, which was of great assistance to me and I trust will continue so to be to my successors.

To the lodges who agreed to a change of dates for the mutual benefit of all, to those who changed when it was particularly to their own advantage, and to those who offered to change if necessary, for the benefit of all, I express to one and all my gratitude for their generosity in so doing.

Ceremonies

On Sept. 16th, 1927, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, assisted by many past and present Grand Lodge Officers, constituted and consecrated Anthony Sayer Lodge, No. 640, in the Masonic Temple, Mimico, Ontario. On Sept. 19th, 1927, R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, the Deputy Grand Master, constituted and consecrated Lake Shore Lodge No. 546, in the Masonic Temple, Mimico, Ontario. He was ably assisted by past and present Grand Lodge Officers. The above sacred and instructive ceremonies were fully exemplified in accordance with ancient custom, as laid down by Grand Lodge.

Inspections

Accompanied by the District Secretary, I officially visited the following lodges, which comprise the district:

Oct. 25th, 1927, Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 600, first degree.

Oct. 27th, 1927, Fidelity Lodge, No. 575, second degree.

Oct. 28th, 1927, Humber Lodge, No. 305, third degree.

Nov. 14th, 1927, Transportation Lodge, No. 583, first degree.

Nov. 16th, 1927, Sunnyside Lodge, No. 582, third degree.

Nov. 18th, 1927, Anthony Sayer, Lodge No. 640, third degree.

Nov. 21st, 1927, Lake Shore Lodge, No. 645, first degree.

Jan. 11th, 1928, Patricia Lodge, No. 587, first degree.

Jan. 12th, 1928, Mississauga Lodge, No. 524, first degree.

Jan. 17th, 1928, Long Branch Lodge, No. 632, second degree.

Jan. 25th, 1928, Runnymede Lodge, No. 619, first degree.

Feb. 10th, 1928, General Mercer Lodge, No. 548, first degree.

Feb. 14th, 1828, Melita Lodge, No. 605, first degree.

Feb. 16th, 1928, High Park Lodge, No. 531, first degree.

Feb. 17th, 1928, Kilwinning, Lodge No. 565, third degree.

Feb. 28th, 1928, Temple Lodge, No. 525, third degree.

Mar. 2nd, 1928, King Hiram Lodge No. 566, second degree.

Mar. 6th, 1928, Stanley Lodge, No. 426, third degree.

Mar. 13th, 1928, Mount Sinai Lodge, No. 522, first degree.

Mar. 20th, 1928, Ionic Lodge, No. 229, third degree.

March 21st, 1928, Occident Lodge, No. 346, first degree.

Mar. 23rd, 1928, Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 630, first degree.

Apr. 3rd, 1928, Mimico Lodge, No. 369, first degree.

April 4th, 1928, Mount Dennis Lodge, No. 599, first degree.

April 10th, 1928, River Park Lodge, No. 356, first degree.

April 12th, 1928, Connaught Lodge, No. 501, first degree.

April 13th, 1928, Parkdale Lodge, No. 510, first degree.

April 17th, 1928, Victoria Lodge, No. 474, second degree.

The Work

The degree work, as exemplified in every lodge, with possibly two exceptions, was all that could be desired by any Grand Lodge Officer. True, it was not

letter perfect (that is not to be found in any lodge) but from a deliberate, earnest, and impressive rendition I have no hesitation in saying that on the whole the lodges in District "A" take second place to none.

The Financial standing of the lodges on the whole is very satisfactory. I endeavoured to impress the brethren that a safe policy to follow was to have the dues sufficiently large to cover the current expenditure and not to draw on capital account except in case of extreme emergency.

I am delighted to say that Benevolence holds a very important place in all the lodges of the District in the broadest interpretation of that Masonic virtue.

I was very much impressed with the interest which is maintained in all the lodges by the Past Masters. Always ready and willing to assist the W. Master and the officers when occasion requires them so to do.

I was also very pleased with the spirit of harmony and good-fellowship which exists throughout the lodges and which is not confined to the City Lodges but extends throughout the bounds of the District. The interchange of visits between Suburban and City Lodges is becoming more popular each year and appreciated by all.

It is indeed a pleasure to report that the hospitality of the different lodges is par excellence and that the entertainment provided in the Banquet room is as it should be; clean, wholesome and instructive.

And further, may I commend to Grand Lodge the whole hearted loyalty, devotion, and respect which is shown at all times to the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master and his representatives.

Some pleasing incidents which occured during the year are worthy of mention, which demon-

strates the true Masonic Spirit which exists among the brethren.

Ionic Lodge, Brampton, on the occasion of my official visit, Mar. 20, 1928, saw fit to honor one of the older members in the person of Bro. H. Dawson, initiated into Masonry in Ionic No. 229 June 20, 1877, by presenting him with a Life Membership, which was duly acknowledged by Bro. Dawson.

At Prince of Wales on March 23, 1928, W. Bro. F. P. Hopkins and Bro. H. C. Hopkins presented to the lodge a beautiful altar cloth in loving and affectionate memory of their Father, R.W. Bro. R. R. Hopkins, P.D.D.G.M., who was the first Master of the lodge and a Mason whose pleasing personality will ever live in the memory of those who knew him best.

General Mercer Lodge, at their April meeting presented W. Bro. N. Shunk with a suitably engraved watch on completion of his 50 years in Masonry, having been initiated in Vaughan Lodge, Maple, Ont., April 16, 1878, and is a charter member of General Mercer Lodge. In closing his reply of appreciation, W. Bro. Shunk recited the following.

> Someone like you makes the heart grow lighter,
> Someone like you makes the sun shine brighter,
> Someone like you makes the work worth while,
> Someone like you makes a sigh half a smile,
> Nearer to me, Dearer to me, someone like you.

Mimico Lodge No. 369, Lambton, will celebrate in September their Jubilee, having been instituted August 3, 1878, under a dispensation issued by Most Wor. Bro. W. H. Weller. The First Master was R.W. Bro. Daniel Spry, afterwards a Grand Master, also Most Wor. Bro. John Ross Robertson was a member, and many other distinguished brethren have been and now are members of this lodge. A historical write up of the lodge is being prepared so I will leave what should be said further, to my suc-

cessor, except on behalf of Grand Lodge, to wish Mimico Lodge continued prosperity.

West Toronto Masonic Temple

The year 1928 will long be remembered by the Brethren who make their Masonic Home in the above Temple, where seven Blue Lodges and two Royal Arch Chapters meet regularly.

Over a year ago the Temple Board decided to enlarge the building, which they have succeeded in doing, by enlarging the ante room, providing a small lodge room for emergent meetings or a board room: considerably enlarging the banquet room and providing proper sanitary accommodation, also an organ loft. These improvements have cost the brethren about $21,000 making the total cost of land and buildings about $54,000. This Temple is now one of the most artistic, restful and commodious in Ontario, both from an internal and external point of view, and last but not least, the brethren, to show their appreciation of what the Temple Board has done for their comfort, have by their liberality as individual Masons, made it possible for a splendid two-manual organ to be installed, at a cost of about $4,000 to which can be added the chimes at any future time.

The official opening of the Temple and Organ was conducted by the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, with V.W. Bro. E. R. Bowles, Assistant Grand Organist presiding at the organ. Congratulations to the Temple Board and the brethren of the lodges who meet in this Temple upon their achievement.

Benevolence

I cannot close this report without due recognition of what to me is an outstanding evidence of true Masonry. A brother who was a member of one of the lodges meeting in Mimico Temple, passed to the Grand Lodge above, leaving a widow and family

totally unprovided for. Immediately the facts became known, the several lodges in Mimico formed a committee with our esteemed W. Bro. Phil Brown as chairman, and to their credit be it said that over 90% of all the brethren contributed very generously to the fund, and by so doing a very acute condition was well taken care of. This act of practising true Masonic Benevolence by the Brethren of Mimico Hall might well be emulated in other places.

Divine Services

I had the privilege of attending Divine Service on Sunday, June 10th, 1928, in Chalmers Presbyterian Church, under the auspices of Patricia Lodge No. 587. A large and representative membership, principally from the lodges meeting in College St. Temple, formed together and made this annual service worthy of the Craft to which we have the honor to belong. A very appropriate Masonic sermon was delivered by the Rev. Bro. MacGillivray.

I also had the privilege and pleasure of accompanying the Deputy Grand Master and the brethren of Kilwinning Lodge No. 565 on June 17th, it being the occasion of their annual visit to St. Andrew's Church, Scarboro, Ont., when a very significant Masonic sermon was delivered by R.W. Bro. Burch, P.G. Chaplain, and a Past Master of Kilwinning Lodge. He was assisted in the service by the Deputy Grand Master.

Suggestions

1st. Attendance—There is considerable room for improvement which can be accomplished to a very large extent by limiting the lateness of the closing hour in the banquet room, which should not be later than 11.30, and to this end work in the lodge room should be so arranged that the candidate be admitted not later than 8.30.

2nd. Ventilation and temperature of Lodge Rooms—This is a very important factor but very much neglected in nearly all lodge rooms.

3rd. Arrears of dues—It is to be regretted that so many Masons allow themselves to be suspended. Lodge dues are very small and should be paid promptly annually in advance. Personal touch by the proposer of a member would help the secretary considerably, and also a personal sympathetic letter from the secretary would help greatly.

4th. I cannot too strongly urge the standardization of all books of record, such as minute book, ledger, membership roll, receipts, due cards, etc.

5th. That some method be provided for the disposition of Grand Lodge Certificates which have not been taken up by the brethren say after six months.

In closing I wish to convey my thanks to the past and present Grand Lodge Officers, the Past Masters, Ruling Masters, Wardens, Officers and Brethren all for their kind sympathy and loyal support extended to me at all times. And let me assure you one and all that the very happy associations and friendships which have been formed will ever remain a pleasant memory with me. To the Grand Sen. Warden, the Grand Junior Warden, I tender my sincere thanks for their associations so generously given during the year. To the Grand Secretary, I very much appreciate his assistance, and promptness in all matters referred to him. To my three colleagues in office, representing as they do, the Church, Education, and Finance, I extend to them my fullest appreciation of their companionship which I have enjoyed, and I am very glad to pay tribute to their worth as men and Masons.

To the Deputy Grand Master, that magnetic Masonic dynamo, who is untiring in his efforts at all times to assist brethren of all ranks, I say to you with all sincerity, I thank you for all you have done for me during my term of office.

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, I am greatly indebted for his patience, kindness and valuable advice graciously given, at all times. I can only say to him most sincerely: Thank You.

"For it is my joy in life to find
At every turning of the road,
The strong arms of a brother kind
To help me onward with my load.
And since I have no gold to give,
And love alone can make amends,
My only prayer is, while I live,
God make me worthy of my friends".

Respectfully and Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM J. MOORE,

D.D.G.M. Toronto District "A".

TORONTO DISTRICT "B"

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario,

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

It affords me pleasure to submit my report on the Condition of Masonry in Toronto District "B" for the year 1927-1928, which I trust will meet with your approval.

In the first place permit me to express my sincere thanks to the brethren of the district for doing me the very great honour of placing me unopposed in the District Deputy's office, for the kindly and generous support received from present and past Grand Lodge officers; and for the courtesy extended to me on every occasion of my visit to the individual lodges.

I am also indebted to the valuable services rendered to me by W. Bro. M. J. Wilker, B.A., who did me the honour of accepting an appointment as district secretary. W. Bro. Wilker is thoroughly competent in the discharge of every duty belonging to the office and his expert advice and kindly comments were received with pleasure at all our official visits.

A detailed account of each official visit would be quite unnecessary as a great deal of similarity would be involved. I inspected all the lodges of the district except one when unavoidably absent from home, on which occasion the work was ably done by R.W. Bro James Malcolm, and from the experience gathered I am thoroughly convinced that generally speaking the officers and brethren take their work seriously and realize the responsibility which has been placed upon them.

During all our visits we had to make only one correction and that of a minor nature, the brethren ap-

parently having set for themselves a high ideal and made a determined effort to reach it.

There was also very much in evidence a spirit of brotherly kindness and enthusiasm kindled by the consciousness of belonging to a society whose outstanding characteristic is that of fraternity and charity towards all men. There was not the slightest evidence of friction noticeable at any of the meetings and for the time being Toronto District "B" appears to be free from all embarrassing conditins. A slight difference of opinion exists as to the line of demarcation between urban and rural districts which we hope will be finally adjusted at this year's Convocation of Grand Lodge.

It is a pleasure to report that the work of the W. Masters in every case is of the highest order; the ancient landmarks are carefully guarded and the ritual is well exemplified in each of the degrees.

The secretaries also have rendered efficient and loyal service; their books are in good order and generally well kept. In most cases expert book-keepers are in charge of the work. Very few suspensions are reported for non-payment of dues.

The charitable work, carried on by the lodges and the amounts expended in it compares favourably with their social expenditure, in some cases exceeding it, which bespeaks a growing interest in that distinguishing feature of Masonic activity.

The increase in membership is noticeable in comparison with other years, and I have tried to impress the officers and members with the necessity of admitting only members whose intellectual ability will enable them to grasp and appreciate the symbolic teaching of Masonry. I have also stressed the necessity of masonic instruction in the mysteries of the order, and at every visit I have given an address explaining the symbolism of some feature of the lodge-room.

The attendance of the members of the various lodges I found to compare favourably with that of former years. The banquets were arranged with a view to utility and economy, and the entertainments were of a high order, all impropriety being conspicuous by its absence.

One new lodge was instituted at Todmorden with W. Bro. J. Sanley Shier as Master. His efficient experience is a guarantee for the success of the new undertaking. They are now going strong under dispensation in comfortable and convenient quarters and expect to have all their furniture and regalia paid for this year. They will apply for a dispensation to have their lodge-room dedicated at next meeting of Grand Lodge. I was unfortunately unable to be present at their opening ceremony but R.W. Bro. J. A. Slade ably discharged the duty for me and I am greatly indebted to him for his kindness.

Two group receptions for the Most Worshipful the Grand Master have been held. One group of the Beaches lodges in St. Aidan's Parish Hall was an example of enthusiasm and loyalty seldom equalled anywhere. The officers and members of the Beaches group are to be complimented on the very able manner in which the reception was conducted. Also one comprising a group of nine suburban Lodges at Uxbridge was largely attended and was addressed by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Hon. Geo. S. Henry, R.W. Bro. Wm. Moore, and others. These group meetings prove very beneficial enabling the brethren to meet the Most Worshipful the Grand Master without which they might be denied the privilege.

In conclusion, I would like to state that the condition of masonry in this district is above the average. The spirit of true brotherhood is in evidence everywhere. Dignity and decorum are observed in the transaction of business and the conferring of degrees. Loyalty to the principles of the Craft are a distinguishing feature, of the officers in general and

should be an inspiration and incentive to the younger members to emulate their example.

My sincere thanks are expressed to the past officers of the district who have so generously offered and contributed their support and assistance when necessary. They will be held in ever grateful remembrance.

The year now closing will be a landmark in the history of my life. The experiences gathered and the friendships formed will be pleasant pictures on the walls of memory as long as memory lasts and I bespeak for my successor the same loyalty and brotherly kindness which has made my work both pleasant and inspiring.

All of which is cordially and fraternally submitted

A. M. McLELLAN,

D.D.G.M. Toronto District "B".

TORONTO DISTRICT "C"

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

In presenting for your consideration my report on the condition of Masonry in Toronto District "C" for the year ending June 30th, 1928, it is with pleasure that I am able to state that uniform and impressive work prevails.

I visited every lodge at least once, and shall ever remember the cordial welcome extended to me. Loyalty to the Grand Lodge was freely manifested on every occasion, clearly indicating the high place that body holds in the estimation of the brethren.

During the year, we have added to the District Rowland Lodge working under dispensation at Mount Albert and now applying for a charter. This lodge will serve a section in which a number of prominent and enthusiastic Masons reside and not readily accessible to other parts of the District. By the purchase and remodelling of a church, everything that could be desired in a lodge and banquet room was made available. With suitable furniture for the exemplification of the work and the comfort of the brethren in the hands of experienced officers, most satisfactory progress is being made.

The District would now appear to be amply served by Lodges. This is an age when effort and ambition covet and impatiently strive for greater expansion. It is a truth, that we must not lay too much stress on new membership when calculating the progress of Masonry. There are other and more vital tests, particularly the type and character of our members. We value our Masonry because we believe it is a benefit to us and we welcome those who we believe are capable of receiving and are searching for

the same advantages. If we receive, we must teach and assimilate them so that they may assimilate our teaching, fostering in them the practice of right thinking and right doing. We cannot and would not make all men Masons, nor should we capriciously withhold from a fellow-man our privileges and opportunities—all of which should be borne in mind when proposing and investigating petitioners and in the legitimate use of the ballot box.

The wisdom of inaugurating a plan for District Meetings to receive and honor the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, was most amply proven by such meetings as were held in York Masonic Temple and at Newmarket. The members of the several lodges, in their respective groups, were afforded the opportunity of personally greeting the supreme head of the craft—a welcome and honored privilege. The best of results cannot but follow, and to the Masters and Officers of the respective lodges must be given the well earned credit for the most complete arrangement of every detail so necessary to insure the success that was attained.

The expressed wishes of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, that Masons should take a greater part in bringing about a clearer understanding between and bring closer together the population of our Province was enthusiastically recieved and zealously acted upon. Inter-visiting of not only officers, members and lodges but groups of lodges, both rural and urban, has been the practice. These visits, in some of which I gratefully acknowlede the privilege of having participated, were not confined to the District, but embraced many outside points. Such fraternal visits give us an opportunity to become better acquainted and to acquire a broader outlook upon the craft and the world at large.

I wish to make grateful acknowledgment of the efficient and courteous manner in which the District Secretary, W. Bro. W. D. Greer, served the District. His interest in Masonry was amply manifested when he willingly undertook the duties while at the same

time he was First Principal of his Chapter and a regular attendant at his mother lodge, Ashlar, as well as Harcourt, when official visits did not prevent. He has found almost without exception that the records of the Secretaries and Treasurers are kept in a proper manner, recording the activities of the respective lodges; that their finances are in reasonably good order and that they show through their benevolent accounts that within the limits of their means, they are exemplifing their good will towards others less fortunate. I cannot too strongly impress the necessity of not only correctly recording all the business of the lodge, but keeping the future in mind to see to it that full details are given. Membership records now in use by some of the lodges are stock forms and readily available. They afford a most complete and convenient means of recording a member's history from particulars of his petition, to the place in which he is buried—a most valuable record in years to come.

While most commendable efforts are being made by the Masters and Officers to make every meeting interesting and instructive, the continued non-attendance of many of our members cannot but lead us to believe that they do not value their degrees. In our efforts to secure and retain the interest, respect and support of our membership at large, we must most strictly conform to the ancient usages, established customs and landmarks. Ample scope is afforded within these limits. Of first importance is the correct and impressive rendition of the work without innovations under any circumstances. Instead of monopolizing the time at the banquet table by calling upon and in many instances embarrassing those who are unprepared, an instructive program should be arranged. One of the most pleasing observations I have made is that the brethren are looking for some thought by means of which they may secure a broader outlook upon life's problems and an inspiration to usefulness and service. There is a lack of knowledge of what Masonry is, what it is doing and what it can do for the benefit of humanity. A realization of these benefits and the part each individual member is playing in attaining our purpose could not but induce further interest.

Are we really satisfied that the contract on either side has been fully implemented when the new member pays his entrance fee and we confer the degrees? We have adopted the creed of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. He taught and we believe that service to God and service to man are one and the same. We are urged as Masons to even greater fidelity to a well defined rule of life which, whatever be our faith or religious point of view, we must admit to be the very rule of life inculcated by Him whom we acknowledge as our greatest Teacher. It behooves us to ask ourselves what we are doing to fulfil that admonition to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge and to assist and instruct our brethren. By this means, will Masons, individually and as a fraternity, be enabled to render the noblest service.

Before giving up my office, I wish to express my appreciation of the many kindnesses, courtesy, consideration and good-will received at the hands of my brethren throughout the District. I am not unmindful of the Grand Lodge Officers, Past Masters, Masters and Brethren who accompanied me on my visits from time to time and for whose presence and assistance I am truly grateful. It is with a deeper appreciation of the moral and spiritual influence of Masonry; the hope that my efforts have not been fruitless, and that Masonry throughout the District and our Grand Jurisdiction may increasingly contribute to the promotion of "Glory unto God in the highest, and on earth Peace, to men Good Will," which is the ultimate purpose of life, that I close my report.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

CHAS. S. HAMILTON,

D.D.G.M. Toronto District "C".

TORONTO DISTRICT "D"

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers, and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

It is a pleasure to be able to report that, in Toronto District "D", Masonry is in a flourishing condition. During the year now passed, there was no ripple on the waters, quiet and steady progress was everywhere evident, the portals were well and judiciously guarded, the spirit of true fraternity showed not the slightest sign of any tendency to languish.

W. Bro. Peter F. Munro, M.A., D.Paed., a Past Master of University Lodge, was kind enough to accept the office of District Secretary—and he adorned that office. In the books and records of the lodges, no detail escaped his vigilant eye. Yet his comments were always kindly—indeed, there was little, if anything, that could deserve unfavourable criticism. Often he had constructive suggestions to make, and by his genial attitude he endeared himself to the twenty-five secretaries whose work he inspected. Nor should his mouth-organ be overlooked. With it he enlivened the refreshment hour and added greatly to the happiness of the brethren with his rendition of favourite selections of earlier days.

Early in the autumn, Cathedral Lodge No. 643, and Simcoe Lodge No. 644, were constituted and consecrated, M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland presiding in the one case and the Grand Master himself in the other. These two young and vigorous lodges were sent out on their careers under the most favourable omens imaginable.

Accompanied in all cases by the District Secretary, as well as by many visiting Masters and brethren, I inspected the following twenty-five lodges

which make up this excellent District and in all of them the work was almost perfectly done:

October 10, 1927, Union, Schomberg
October 14, 1927, True Blue, Bolton.
January 7th, 1928, Simcoe, 888 Yonge Street.
January 13th, 1928, Grey, 888 Yonge Street.
February 7th, 1928, Cathedral, Eglinton Ave.
Feb. 8th, 1928, University, 888 Yonge Street.
Feb. 17th, 1928, Tuscan, College Street.
Feb. 20th, 1928, St. Albans', 888 Yonge Street.
Feb. 24th, 1928, Zeta, College Street.
March 1st, 1928, Alpha, College Street.
March 2nd, 1928, War Veterans, 888 Yonge St.
March 5th, 1928, Ulster, College Street.
March 19th, 1928, Huron-Bruce, 888 Yonge St.
March 20th, 1928, Shamrock, College Street.
March 28th, 1928, Palestine, 888 Yonge Street.
March 30th, 1928, Blackwood, Woodbridge, Ont.
April 3rd, 1928, Dufferin, 888 Yonge Street.
April 6th, 1928, St. George, College Street.
April 26th, 1928, Mizpah, College Street.
April 30th, 1928, Robertson, King, Ontario.
May 4th, 1928, Peel, Caledon East, Ontario.
May 16th, 1928, Antiquity, 888 Yonge Street.
May 23rd, 1928, Victory, 888 Yonge Street.
May 29th, 1928, Vaughan, Maple, Ontario.
June 1st, 1928, Wellington, Eglinton Avenue.

Most of the above lodges I visited, on invitation, more than once, some more than twice. At the request of R.W. Bro. McLellan of Toronto District B, the District Secretary and I visited and inspected Brougham Union Lodge No. 269, Claremont, Ont. the lodge of which he was recently Master. It was a pleasure to visit a colleague in this manner and to see the work done in his own lodge.

With the program of official visits of inspection

the following suggestions were sent to each Master and to each secretary:

1. The present District Deputy Grand Master makes a special request for the co-operation of Masters, Officers, and Members in promoting punctuality. A watch is an instrument put into the hands of a Master to enable him to conduct the evening's programme with accuracy, precision, and celerity. The lodge should be ready to receive the D.D.G.M. at 8.15 p.m. Herein fail not.

2. A Master's ability can be very readily judged by the manner in which he carries out the details that go to make up an evening's work. No time should be wasted. Loss of time is an evidence of lack of preparation. Nothing of dignity, nothing of impressiveness is lost by avoiding unnecessary delay.

3. On the occasion of the official inspection there should be no "speaker of the evening". Such an arrangement is not quite fair to a speaker.

4. The character of the evening's entertainment should be above reproach. Almost always it is so.

5. Be it remembered that the D.D.G.M. comes not as a carping critic, nor as a lion seeking whom he may devour. He comes as a friend, who is anxious to assist in every way that he can. He comes to make the acquaintance of as many as possible of the members of the lodge. He expects to find himself in the midst of a gathering of cordial, genial Masons who wish to be happy and to communicate happiness. No officer need be in the slightest degree nervous on the night of inspection.

6. The District Secretary asks that the Secretary of the lodge have all books with him, none being forgotten, and that the auditor's report be available.

To the credit of the officers be it said that they received these suggestions in the spirit in which they

were offered. In no case was the inspecting officer kept waiting in the anteroom for an unrseaonable time. A desire for punctuality was in every case demonstrated.

Of the visits to the suburban lodges special mention must be made. On these occasions there were numerous visitors, both from near-by lodges and from city lodges. The lodge room was invariably crowded to capacity. The suburban lodges entertained lavishly at the tables and in every case made their visitors abundantly welcome. In this Masonic District there is no line, no barrier, between city and country—visits are freely interchanged and the bonds of brotherhood are as firm and strong as the most ardent lover of the Craft could desire.

In January, eleven of the lodges of District D, meeting in the Yonge Street Temple and the York Temple, tendered a joint reception to the Grand Master. The attendance was excellent and the brethren were enthusiastic in showing their loyalty to and their esteem for the present incumbent of the highest office in this Masonic jurisdiction.

Unique in many respects was another reception tendered to the Grand Master in April at Woodbridge by the six suburban lodges of this District, viz. Vaughan, No. 54; True Blue, No. 98, Union No. 118; Robertson No. 292; Blackwood, No. 311, and Peel No. 496. The members of these lodges had been for months almost clamorous in expressing their desire to entertain the first Farmer Grand Master—and they succeeded in entertaining him to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. The banquet hall was packed to the doors and almost beyond, the brethren were in buoyant spirits, and in every way the evening was a remarkable success.

These joint receptions had possibly an indirect, but certainly a most desirable, result of another sort. In perfecting the details of the arrangements, the Masters of the entertaining lodges were brought into

such intimate personal relationship that they became like college classmates—so much so that they are planning ways and means to continue these friendships after the year is over.

It is with much regret that one relinquishes official connection with all these admirable, virile, and thoroughly fraternal officers and members who comprise the lodges of District D. Naturally one learns to know the Masters and Wardens best—real men and Masons they all are, true friends and brothers, every one a precious jewel in one's chain of Masonic friendship. In their hands Masonry in this District is unquestionably safe.

W. J. DUNLOP,

D.D.G.M. Toronto District "D".

VICTORIA DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honour of submitting for your consideration my report on the condition of Masonry in Victoria District for the Masonic year ending July 1928.

Let me first convey to the brethren of the District my sincere thanks for the honour conferred on me in electing me to the important office of District Deputy Grand Master, and for the splendid support given me throughout the entire District during my term of office. The loyal support given me by the brethren of my mother lodge has been much appreciated and my sincere thanks are due them for accompanying me on so many of my official visits and for being always ready to cheerfully give me any assistance in their power.

My first official act was to appoint Worshipful Brother W. J. Thorn, of Lorne Lodge No. 375, District Secretary, and Worshipful Brother Rev. R. S. Scott, also of Lorne Lodge No. 375, District Chaplain.

W. Bro. Thorn, who has been Secretary of Lorne Lodge No. 385, for twenty-two years, accompanied me on all my official visits and I am indebted to him for his services.

Worshipful Bro. Rev. Scott, accompanied me on a number of my visits and gave masterly and helpful addresses.

Official Visit of Grand Master

Wednesday, June 6th will long be remembered by the Brethren of Victoria District, this being the

occasion of an Official visit from Most Worshipful Brother, the Hon. John S. Martin, Grand Master, of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, to Victoria District. Faithful Brethren Lodge No. 77, Lindsay, the oldest lodge in the District had charge of the official reception. By special dispensation the lodge was opened at 3.30 o'clock, in the afternoon, by Worshipful Brother, Harry Johnston, and his officers. The chairs were then taken by the ruling Master of the lodges of the district, and the Most Worshipful Grand Master, received, being introduced to the lodge by Right Worshipful Brother C. R. Hart, D.D.G.M.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master gave a masterly and instructive address, on the principles of Masonry, and the qualifications for membership, which was very much appreciated, by the large number of brethren present.

At 6.15 p.m. the brethren and their ladies assembled in the Lindsay Armouries. After all had partaken of an excellent repast, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, gave an interesting address which was very much appreciated by the brethren and their ladies. Worshipful Brother R. J. Patterson, Sheriff of Victoria County on behalf of the District, presented the Grand Master, with a beautiful cedar lined walnut chest. The Grand Master made a suitable reply thanking the brethren.

Condition of Masonry

I am pleased to report that each lodge in the District appears to be working harmoniously for the welfare of its members, and a spirit of good-will and loyalty prevails throughout. I deeply appreciate the cordial reception given me in all the lodges. The many social hours passed in the refreshment room were much enjoyed, especially as the quality of the entertainments were always of a high order.

The secretaries of all the lodges in the District, with four exceptions are all past masters, and have

the interest of the Craft and of their particular lodges at heart. The books of the different lodges are kept in a business-like and careful manner, dues are well paid up, and the financial position of all the lodges excellent. There has been a steady and healthy growth in numbers and in interest throughout the District. On all my official visits I was received by a large attendance of members of each lodge visited, as well as many visiting brethren.

Past Masters' Association

The Past Master's Association of Victoria District has been well attended and much credit is due the secretary, R.W. Bro. H. J. Townley. Since its organization it has been the means of bringing the Past Masters together to make them better acquainted and to discuss matters of importance, pertaining to the district. At our last regular meeting held on May 22nd an address on the symbols of masonry was given by W. Bro. William Newman, M.L.A., which was very much appreciated by the brethren.

Official Visits

Victoria Lodge No. 398, Kirkfield. This was my first official visit during my term of office and was made on the 7th of October, 1927. W. Bro. C. J. McKay, exemplified the third degree in a very creditable manner. In closing the lodge the Warden's lectures were given and a board of trial exemplified.

Arcadia Lodge No. 440, Minden. I paid my official visit to this lodge on October 19th, 1927. W. Bro. F. H. Graham and his officers exemplified the first degree on an acting candidate, there being no work for the evening. The lodge was opened and closed in the second and third degrees. The Warden's lectures were given and a board of trial exemplified in a very able manner. During our stay in Minden we were hospitably entertained by Dr. W. R. Crowe and his estimable wife, which added greatly to the pleasure of our visit.

North Entrance Lodge No. 463, Haliburton. I paid my official visit to this lodge on October 20th, 1927. W. Bro. R. Tyler, and his officers, exemplified the first degree, on an acting candidate, there being no work, for the evening. The work was done in a very able manner. The lodge was opened and closed in the second and third degree. The Warden's lectures were given and a Board of Trial exemplified.

Faithful Brethren No. 77, and Gothic No. 608, Lindsay. I visited these two lodges at a joint meeting on February 3rd, 1928. There was a good attendance of members of both lodges. There were also a large number of visitors present. I was introduced to the lodge by R.W. Bro. Sid Johnston, I.P.D.D.G.M.

W. Bro. Harry Johnston, and officers of Faithful Brethren Lodge No. 77, opened the lodge and conferred the entered apprentice degree, in a very impressive manner. Wor. Bro. Tompkins and officers of Gothic Lodge No. 608, opened and closed the lodge in the second and third degrees. The Warden's lectures were given and the Board of Trial exemplified in a very able manner. The lodge was closed in harmony in the first degree, by the officers of Faithful Brethren Lodge, No. 77.

Lorne Lodge No. 375, Omemee. The official visit was made to this lodge on March 1st, 1928. This being my mother lodge I invited R.W. Bro. Sid Johnston, I.P.D.D.G.M. of Victoria District to officiate for me. W. Bro. Moore, and his officers conferred the entered apprentice degree. The lodge was opened and closed in the second and third degree. The Wardens' lectures were given and a Board of Trial exemplified. R. W. Bro. Johnston complimented the officers and members on the splendid manner in which the work was performed. The charge from the book of constitution was given by Bro. G. D. Gowans, in a very able and impressive manner.

A pleasing event was the presentation to W. Bro. A. Laidley, of a Past Master's apron by R.W. Bro.

Johnston, on behalf of the brethren of Lorne Lodge No. 375, of which the recipient had been a past master for Thirty-nine (39) years.

Spry Lodge No. 406, Fenelon Falls. I paid my official visit to this lodge on Good Friday, April 6th, 1928. I was introduced to the lodge by R.W. Bro. H. J. Townley, P.D.D.G.M. Wor. Bro. Dr. Graham and his officers opened the lodge at 5 p.m. After the reception of the D.D.G.M. the lodge was called from labour to refreshments, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where the usual toast list was carried out. Some very interesting addresses were given by prominent members of Spry lodge and visiting brethren. The lodge was called to labor at 8 p.m. and opened in the second and third degrees. The third degree was conferred in a faultless manner. In closing the lodge the Warden's lectures were given, in the different degrees, and a Board of Trial exemplified.

Harding Lodge No. 477, Woodville. I paid my official visit to this lodge on April 30th, 1928. I was introduced to the lodge by R.W. Bro. Capt. N. L. Patterson, P.D.D.G.M. W. Bro. Jewell opened the lodge and conferred the entered apprentice degree in a very creditable manner. The lodge was opened and closed in the second and third degrees and the Warden's lectures given and a Board of Trial exemplified.

Murray Lodge No. 408, Beaverton. I paid my official visit to this lodge on May 1st, 1928. I was introduced to the lodge by R.W. Bro. D. W. Walls, P.D.D.G.M., W. Bro. A. Gilchrist and his officers opened the lodge and conferred the entered apprentice degree in a very able manner. The lodge was opened and closed in the second and third degrees. The Warden's lectures were given and the Board of Trial exemplified.

Somerville Lodge No. 451, Kinmount. I paid my official visit to this lodge on May 3rd, 1928. W. Bro. Williams and his officers opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees, there being no work for

the evening. The Warden's lectures were given and a Board of Trial exemplified in a very creditable manner. R.W. Bro. A. E. Bottum, and a number of members of Verulam lodge were among the many visitors present. At the close of the meeting the brethren with their ladies were the guests of the lodge at a social evening, when a very enjoyable time was spent by those fortunate enough to be present.

Verulam Lodge No. 268, Bobcaygeon. I paid my official visit to this lodge on May 4th, 1928. I was introduced to the lodge by R.W. Bro. A. E. Bottum, P.D.D.G.M.

Wor. Bro. Roy Bottum and his officers opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees. The second degree was exemplified in a faultless manner. The Warden's lectures were given and a Board of Trial exemplified in a very impressive manner.

King George V Lodge, No. 498, Coboconk. I paid my official visit to this lodge on May 28th, 1928. This was my last official visit for the year. W. Bro. Roy Graham and his officers opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees. The second degree was conferred in a very able manner. The Warden's lectures were given and a Board of Trial exemplified in a capable manner.

Conclusion

In conclusion, I desire to again convey to the brethren of the district my warmest appreciation for the many kindnesses shown me during my official year. So many courtesies have been extended to me that it has been impossible for me to note the names and occasions in my official report, but these are all engraved in my memory and shall be frequently called to mind as pleasant recollections of my official year.

Fraternally submitted,

C. R. HART,

D.D.G.M. Victoria District.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honor to present herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master of Wellington District.

My first official act was the appointment of W. Bro. R. E. Mills as District Secretary, and he has given unsparingly efficient and conscientious service, not only to myself, but to the District. He has accompanied me on all of my visits in the district throughout the year, has inspected the books of every lodge, has conducted a great deal of clerical work, and has assisted me most ably in the administration of this District.

I also appointed a District Chaplain in the person of W. Bro. The Rev. E. A. Thomson and my thanks must of necessity be also extended to him, for he made the office of District Chaplain in this District more than an honorary one.

There are nineteen lodges in the district of Wellington, and all of them were visited at least once, some of them twice and others three and four times. The District is a fairly large one and during the year in paying a total of thirty-eight visits within the district, we travelled over two thousand miles.

The work at times has been somewhat strenuous, but the reception which I always received was most heartening, and while previously I had many happy Masonic associations, the year which is just closing has been the happiest in my experience.

My visits were as follows:

New Dominion No. 205, New Hamburg. Sept. 12th, 1927. This was my first official visit and was also the first time I had visited this section of the district. The attendance was splendid and the first degree was exemplified with credit to W. Bro. Anguish and his officers, five Past Masters assisting. This lodge is in fair shape financially, although only having a membership of sixty. The after meeting in the banquet hall was of very high order an innovation being in honoring of the Toast to "The Rural Community", in reply to which toast we were treated to an admirable and enlightening story of the part taken by the farming community in that locality.

Waterloo No. 539, Waterloo. I visited this lodge on October 5th and as expected found that the influence of R.W. Bro. C. O. Hemphill is still to be found in this lodge. The membership is one hundred and twenty and they have $2,450.00 in the treasury. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Harper and his officers with the assistance of several Past Masters, and they left very little room for correction or advice. The lecture in the North East was given by one of the Veterans of District V.W. Bro. Livingston. Waterloo has always been noted for the excellence of their entertainments, and this occasion maintained their reputation. Rev. Bro. Munro of Kitchener was the special speaker.

Mercer No. 347, Fergus. This visit was made on October 7th, and was just like going into my own mother lodge as I have visited it very often in other years. The first degree was exemplified splendidly by W. Bro. Matthews and his officers. All who were there could not fail to be impressed when W. Bro. Wansborough, seventy-five years of age, and just recovering from a serious stroke of paralysis, took his part as Chaplain. Bro. Wansborough has since passed away to the Grand Lodge above, and I will always recollect that my last memory of him was in taking part in the work of the Craft which he loved so well.

At the banquet the toast to the Grand Lodge was most eloquently proposed by Bro. Dr. Groves, whose name and fame as a surgeon are so well known throughout Ontario. Although considerably over eighty years of ge, he is still active in his profession and his speech in proposing the toast was a masterpiece. I installed the officers of this lodge on February 3rd.

New Hope No. 279, Hespeler. This lodge was visited on October 10th, when the second degree was exemplified. This was perhaps the smallest meeting of the year, the cause being given as "other attractions". My predecessors in office have commented on the unfortunate condition of the lodge room, a condition for which the lodge was in no wise responsible. This year since my official visit I have been advised that the condition has been fully remedied, and that the Lodge room is as prepossessing as any in the district. Comment should be made on the fact, that although the lodge has a membership of only one hundred and forty, they have paid out in benevolence during the year $286.50; the spirit of Masonry is evidenced in this.

Galt No. 257, Galt. I found this lodge to be in very good condition when I visited it on October 18th, Past Masters night. The degree exemplified was the first degree and all of the Past Masters took their part with credit to themselves. I must single out, however, R.W. Bro. Taylor who exemplified the floor work perfectly and with as much zest and expression as has been shown by any one during my term. Bro. Taylor is eighty-four years of age. The books of this lodge are well kept and the finances are in particularly good shape. They have a special benevolent fund and during the year, paid out $250.00. The program at the banquet was of very high order indeed, as one might expect in a musical centre such as Galt where they are blessed with so many who claim birth or descent from North of the Tweed. V.W. Bro. Race of Brantford gave an interesting address during the evening.

Conestogo No. 295, Drayton. This is another of the active rural lodges, and I found on my official visit, November 1st, that the distinguishing characteristic was being fully demonstrated in this locality. During the year they paid out in benevolence, to a widow and sister of a deceased brother, $140.00. The books are all in good condition, and there is a good balance of cash on hand. Although there was no candidate for initiation or advancement, the third degree was exemplified. Drayton has always been noted for their hospitality, and this night was no exception. After the meeting we adjourned to the hotel where a fowl dinner cooked in the approved country style was served. It is one of the few lodges which invites the ladies to this after meeting, and the change of scenery from our accustomed style was appreciated. Rev. Bro. Smith of Durham gave a very interesting address after the banquet.

Glen Rose, No. 628, Elmira. I visited this, the baby lodge of the district on November 15th and had one of the most interesting nights of the year. This lodge has had many obstacles to overcome in the way of religious prejudices of the community, but despite this, no where in the District could I find a more loyal or enthusiastic lodge of Masons. The membership is now forty-one and the average attendance is very high indeed. The second degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Ruppel and his officers in a most excellent manner. The weather was very disagreeable, but notwithstanding this, the attendance of members and visitors reached a total of fifty-five. They have three Past Masters and all of them assisted in exemplifying the degree. The after meeting was a delightful reunion. This lodge suffered the loss by death of its Senior Warden, a severe loss indeed to the brethren not only of the lodge but of the district.

Twin City No. 509, Kitchener. I visited this lodge officially on November 25th, but had already joined with them in Masonic Fellowship on October 28th, at which time they entertained Wellington Lodge Toronto, who were accompanied by R.W. Bro. Dunlop District Deputy Grand Master, and several Past

District Deputy Grand Masters from Toronto. The night of my official visit the first degree was exemplified and eight Past Masters were used to assist in the degree. There was a particularly large atendance and I have never seen the work exemplified with a greater degree of accuracy or with a better understanding than on that occasion. I had no criticism or corrections that I could make and I was delighted to congratulate W. Bro. Wackett and his officers. The books are in a splendid condition. They have a separate benevolence fund, a large amount of cash in the general fund, a high average attendance, a very small amount of outstanding dues, and an enthusiastic membership. They are particularly fortunate in all of their officers, and I may be pardoned for singling out the guiding hand of R.W. Bro. George DeKleinhans. I was unable to attend the 15th Anniversary of this lodge at which time I expected to join in the welcoming of R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, our Deputy Grand Master, but a serious snow storm blocked the roads, and had the trains running three or four hours behind schedule.

Alma No. 72, Galt. This is the oldest lodge in the Wellington District and my official visit was made on December 30th, Past Masters night. On my arrival at Galt, I was advised that W. Bro. Findlay Smith, one of the real veterans of the Masonry of Galt would be unable to be present, and as this was one of the few Past Masters nights which he would miss since he ruled the lodge from the chair of King Solomon, I joined a few of the brethren in paying a visit to Bro. Smith before lodge time, and I had the privilege of presenting Bro. Smith with a bouquet of roses, and few of my official experiences were more touching than this call on one who had done much to hold high the banner of Masonry. The first degree was exemplified and the Junior Warden's lecture was given by R.W. Bro. R. S. Hamilton, as it was given at the time of the formation of Alma Lodge. This lodge is in good financial shape, having investments in cash amounting to over $5,600.00 and during the year have paid out in benevolence $250.00. I had enthusiastic receptions both in the lodge room and at the banquet following.

Speed No. 180, Guelph, the lodge which gave R. W. Bro. George Fairley to our Grand Jurisdiction and the lodge which also gave Irvine Lodge, my Mother Lodge, its first master, was visited officially on February 7th when everything was found to be in splendid order. The books and records are all well kept, the lodge is in good shape financially, and benevolence is being well taken care of. The weather was most disagreeable but there was a particularly good attendance and the second degree was ably exemplified by W. Bro. Whetstone and his officers assisted by several Past Masters. The Guelph Lodges occupy a building owned by the Masonic Temple Limited, all of the common stock being owned by Masonic bodies, and on the night of my visit the retiring Past Master W. Bro. Mitchell presented to Speed Lodge a share of preferred stock. The gathering in the banquet hall was delightful, the music was good, the speeches were not too long, and the atmosphere was most friendly. Needless to say the Grand Senior Warden was present and performed the ceremony of introducing me to the lodge in language which was very flattering and therefore a trifle embarrassing. I also attended the installation of Speed Lodge and joined with them in their welcome to Wellington Lodge Toronto.

Grand River No. 151, Kitchener. The second oldest lodge in the district, was visited on February 14th when there was a splendid attendance of members and visitors, a total of eleven lodges being represented. This lodge is one of the larger lodges of the district and a lodge which is also doing its share in Masonic benevolence. They have a separate benevolence fund in which there is a substantial balance, and which is being built up by amounts taken from initiation fees. Investments and cash of this lodge place them in the position of being one of the wealthiest lodges in the district. The Master Bro. F. H. Ahrens is a devoted and enthusiastic Mason, and he is supported by a loyal and efficient staff of officers Their exemplification of the first degree was most satisfactory even under rather trying circumstances. The business of this lodge is very efficiently taken care

of and the committees are always active. I also attended Grand River Lodge and assisted in their installation on December 27th. I also had the privilege of addressing V.W. Bro. Carmichael when he was presented with Grand Lodge regalia.

Waverley No. 361, Guelph. The largest lodge in the district having a membership of four hundred and fourteen, was visited on February 27th. The records of this lodge are most minutely and accurately kept, and the finances are in good shape. The lodge is assuming its responsibilities for Masonic benevolence, and the secretary is one of the outstanding secretaries of the district. The first degree was exemplified on my official visit quite satisfactorily by W. Bro. Benham and his officers assisted by several Past Masters. I was perhaps a little disappointed that the average attendance in this lodge of resident members was not up to the average of the district, but I am informed that the officers of the lodge have been, and still are giving considerable thought to overcome this condition. I was introduced to the lodge by my respected predecessor R.W. Bro. Alex. Jaffray, and at the meeting in the banquet hall had one of the most attentive audiences that I addressed during my term. At their installation on January 9th, V.W. Bro. Hinman was presented with his Grand Lodge regalia, and we had another delightful evening.

Guelph No. 258, Guelph. This lodge was visited on March 13th, when the third degree was exemplified in musical form by W. Bro. Howard Campbell, and his officers, with the assistance of a goodly number of Past Masters, and the work left nothing to be desired. I again found one of the veterans of the craft, in the person of W. Bro. Darby, still taking an active interest and performing his allotted duties as an officer in the lodge. The lodge records are well kept and the finances are in good shape. The attendance in this lodge could also stand for some improvement. In the banquet hall we were treated to a "Jiggs" supper. corned beef and cabbage and a splendid musical entertainment.

The Guelph lodges have a splendid temple and ample accommodation for the needs of Masonry in the City. The City of Guelph with a population of eighteen thousand has a Masonic membership of about one thousand and fifty and Masonry in general is in a splendid condition in this locality.

Walker No. 321, Acton. This visit was made on April 2nd when there was a good attendance, including a nice delegation of visitors. This lodge is one that keeps the memory of the Pioneers of Masonry ever fresh and green. Photographs of the Past Masters are on the lodge walls and a nicely engrossed list of Past Masters hangs in the East. The first Ruling Master of this lodge R.W. Bro. Hugh Walker who ruled the lodge in 1874 is still living and is a life member. A letter writen by him to the lodge on November 12th, 1927, is so highly valued that it has been framed and is kept under glass that it may be preserved. The first degree was exemplified quite efficiently by W. Bro. Hortop and his officers, ably assisted by several Past Masters. The lodge is taking care of its benevolence and all in all, is in particularly good shape at this time, although a larger attendance of resident members is desired, which fact I emphasized on the evening of my visit.

Credit Lodge, No. 219, Georgetown. I visited this lodge on several occasions during the year and officially inspected it on April 13th. The books were found to be in first class condition as we expected them to be when V.W. Bro. Geo. Ford was in charge—he has been secretary for eighteen years, and *no where* in the District are the *old* records any better kept. Cash and investments amount to practically $2,600.00 and the average attendance of resident members is splendid, being about sixty per cent. The second degree was exemplified by W.Bro. Mimms with the assistance of a goodly number of Past Masters. In common with most of the lodges in Wellington District, we found that the Master is ably supported by his predecessors in Office. This is the home lodge of R.W. Bro. Sam. Kirk, Grand Junior Warden. Their reputation for entertainment after the meeting

was fully maintained. I was unable to be present during the meeting when R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel was welcomed.

Ayr, No. 172, Ayr. This is one of the old lodges of the district and although small in membership the total being only ninety-two, they own their own building and a very interesting building at that. The average attendance of resident members is about forty per cent., and the lodge is right up to the minute, for in addition to owing the building, they also have a Masonic library. W. Bro. A. B. Hampel and his officers exemplified the second degree quite satisfactorily. We had looked forward to this visit to Ayr and were right royally received and entertained.

Wilmot No. 318, Baden. This lodge has the smallest membership in the District, and of its total membership of thirty-four, only nine are resident members, and yet they can always bank on the support of visitors for the attendance will run from thirteen to twenty at their regular meetings. They had no candidate the night of my official visit, and only had one candidate during the term. Nevertheless they exemplified the first degree most creditably indeed. About the only suggestion which I offered was that the meetings were too late in starting, and perhaps in that locality it might be well to change their opening to a later hour than the present By-law called for. The banquet was served in the church and there was a particularly large gathering at both the lodge and the banquet. Enthusiasm for Masonry in this little lodge can not fail to impress even the most casual visitor.

Preston No. 297, Preston. During my term of office there was only one occasion tht I regretted having to attend a gathering of Masons, that being on February 25th, when I attended Preston lodge for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to one who had, but very shortly before, been installed in the chair of King Solomon, W. Bro. Hagey. He was installed as W. Master on December 27th, 1927,

and he died very suddenly on February 22nd. being buried on Saturday, February 25th. The weather was quite stormy but I felt it my duty to be in Preston at that time and take part in the service as a representative of Grand Lodge. I paid an official visit to this lodge on May 18th when W. Bro. Hilborn who had been called back to assume the government of the lodge, took charge in the exemplification of the first degree. The work was done patricularly well although one could not help but feel that there was a spirit of sadness throughout the gathering. W. Bro. Hagey had been loved by his Brethren as few are so privileged, and all of the brethren with whom I talked that evening still had his unfortunate loss in their mind. During my remarks on benevolence I suggested that they should start a benevolent fund, and as the suggestion seemed to be well received, I later further stated that a fund with a distinctive name was usually more successful than one without, and inasmuch as they had esteemed Bro. Hagey so highly, it is possible that if such a separate fund is started, it will be named in his memory. The records are all in good condition, and from a close examination the District secretary reports that the lodge is using discretion in its selection of suitable material.

Irvine No. 203 Elora. I have left my Mother Lodge until the last in this report because I did not pay a particular official visit to it, although inspection of the books and records was carried out by the District Secretary, and as the D.D.G.M is one of the lodge auditors, he, of course, knew sufficient about the financial standing to know that the lodge was in good shape. I attended the lodge at every meeting possible only missing those which occurred on some night when I was officially engaged in some other part of the district. The average attendance of Irvine lodge is about fifty per cent. of the resident members and perhaps without being accused of "tooting oor ain horn" we may justly claim that this is one of the best lodges in the district. It has a benevolent fund, started about five years ago and named the Miller Memorial Benevolent Fund in memory of R.W. Bro. D. B. Miller, P.D.D.G.M. of this District. In five

years the fund has grown to $550.00 A benevolent night is held usually at the March meeting and one or more addresses on Masonry are given instead of degrees being exmplified while after the meeting a free will offering is taken to increase this benevolent fund. The amount now shown on hand should demonstrate that we have found this method, not only interesting, but very successful.

This is the year of the Diamond Jubilee of Irvine Lodge, the dispensation having been granted on May 13th, 1868, and on May 13th, 1928, a memorial service was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, Elora, when a most inspiring address was given by the District Chaplain, W. Bro. Rev. E. A. Thomson to perhaps the largest Masonic Church gathering ever held in the district. On Tuesday, May 15th, a banquet was held in the Elora Armouries at which three hundred and fifty Masons, the M.W. the Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Dargavel, R.W. Bro. Logan, the Grand Wardens and many others. The addresses were of an exceptionally high order, and this gathering will most assuredly have its affect on Masonry throughout the district. Irvine lodge appreciated more than words can tell the gracious presence of M.W. Bro. Martin, who in the year of exceptional activity was willing and glad to join with us in celebrating this milestone in Masonic history. On the afternoon of the same day a lodge of instruction was held in Elora, at which the first and third degrees were exemplified, Twin City Lodge Kitchener being in charge of the first, and Irvine Lodge, Elora of the third. The lodge of instruction was, considered by all present, to be an outstanding meeting. Twin City under W. Bro. Wackett has no superiors in the exemplification of the degrees, and their effort on this occasion in a strange lodge room, much smaller than that to which they have been used, was a revelation. There was not a slip, a hitch, or a prompt required and yet there was nothing "parrot like". Irvine lodge left nothing to be desired in their part, and I could not be blamed for feeling proud of the efforts of those whom I had assisted in coaching.

One of the early and prominent features of my year was a visit to Brantford on October 21st. I was

privileged to head a team of Grand Lodge and Past Grand Lodge Officers from Wellington District to Brantford where we were entertained by the four lodges of that City. We exemplified the First Degree, trying as far as possible, to do it just as it is done in the lodges throughout our district, and we hope with some measure of success. We had a wonderful night of fellowship and as this was a return visit of Wellington to Brant, Brant having visited Wellington the previous year, it is to be hoped that this annual interchanging of District Visits will be continued.

To summarize, there are nineteen lodges in the district with a total membership of 3,500. The work is uniformly exemplified with very little attempt of innovation. Where innovations were attempted I spoke quite strongly against them. Masonry in Wellington District is in a particularly flourishing condition and while it may never have been possible to accuse me as being a pessimist, the experiences of the past year have confirmed to a greater degree than ever the optimistic faith I have in the Craft. All is well in the district of Wellington.

In conclusion may I again express my thanks to the District for elevating me to the highest office in their gift. May I also express my appreciation of the wonderful co-operation of so many of my predecessors in office, and I can be pardoned for singling out R.W. Bro. M. Schiedel, who was present at so many of my official and unofficial visits—May I also take this opportunity of thanking the Ruling Masters, Officers and Members of the Craft in general through the entire district for their expressions of loyalty to me, for their kindly encouragement, and for their Masonic blindness to my shortcomings.

That the friendships made and renewed during the past year will be continued throughout the years to come is my earnest hope in closing my report.

Fraternally submitted,

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D.D.G.M. Wellington District.

WILSON DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

It is with much pleasure that I submit for your consideration, my report as District Deputy Grand Master, on the condition of Masonry in Wilson District, during the year, just closing, 1928.

First, I would like to express my great appreciation of the high honor conferred, in my election to this most important office, and also, for the loyal and hearty welcome extended to me, by every lodge in the district. I feel deeply grateful to the officers and members of the various lodges, for the numberless acts of kindness and courtesy, so generously extended to me, and also to the several officers and members of my own lodge, who, very often accompanied me long distances on my visits, these small acts of co-operation were most acceptable, and helped to make an apparently heavy task, a service of real pleasure.

My first official act was to notify all the lodges in the district of my election and at the same time to intimate that W. Bro. John L. Buck, had been appointed as District Chaplain, and W. Bro. Harry Anderson, District Secretary. The moral support of the Chaplain was a great help, but the real substantial assistance so generously extended to me by the district secretary as well as the Worshipful Master, Bro. Hunter, deserves special mention, I find it difficult to frame suitable words to express my lasting gratitude to them for their never failing loyalty, and support, during the whole year, they accompanied me on every visit, both official and fraternal, and the road was never too long, nor the night too dark, cheerfully and willingly they were ready and on time, I sincerely hope that, some time in the future, I will be able to reciprocate.

There are twenty lodges in the district, I have visited them all, officially, and have had the pleasure of being with some of them on several occasions. On October 18th, I accompanied some thirty five members of Norfolk Lodge No. 10, Simcoe, on a fraternal visit to Wilson Lodge, No. 86, Toronto, and on October 22nd was present when some sixty-five officers and members of Erie Lodge No. 149, Port Dover, visited Unity Lodge No. 606, Toronto, and I am happy to be able to state that these brethren, represented Wilson district, in a very efficient manner, and the quality of the work was so excellent, that more than one of the Past Masters of the city, enquired to know, whether all the country lodges could do as well. Of course I could only vouch for my own district. On October 27th, Thistle Lodge No. 250, Embro, royally celebrated the opening of their public hall, beneath the lodge room, much to my regret, I had two engagements for that evening so was unable to attend, however a number of our brethren were present and their report was excellent, a splendid attendance from far and near, and great pleasure in the opportunity to listen to the M.W. the Grand Master.

Accompanied by a large number of the brethren of Walsingham Lodge, on both occasions, I visited Erie Lodge No. 149, Port Dover, and Norfolk Lodge No. 10, Simcoe, on Dec. 27th, and January 26th, respectively, for Installation of Officers. The M.W. the Grand Master was present and installed the officers of his home lodge, and was slated to perform the same office for the Simcoe brethren, but at the last moment was unable to attend, so, with the able assistance of R.W. Bro. Waddle of Port Dover and R.W. Bros. McQueen and McDonald of Tillsonburg, I had the pleasure of being installing master. Lastly, it fell to my happy lot, to attend the joint meetings of King Solomon's Lodge, No. 43, and Oxford Lodge No. 76, Woodstock, on the occasions of their Divine Service on June 17 and a special meeting on June 18th, to receive a return fraternal visit from the officers and members of Corinthian Lodge No. 513, Hamilton. The divine service was largely attended and most in-

spiring, while the Woodstock brethren broke all records of welcome and generous hospiality both to the visitors from Hamilton as well as to the contingent of brethren who accompanied me, on the following evening. On several of these occasions, we were honored with the presence of R.W. Bro. J. L. Mitchener, D.D.G.M. of Brant District, and I take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of his visits, as well as the splendid addresses he was good enough to favor us with. These splendid gatherings could not fail to be an uplift to Masonry, and when it is remembred that nearly every lodge in the district, attends Divine Service, at least once a year, we must acknowledge that the brethren are taking their Masonry, more seriously.

In the report of my official visits, I have purposely omitted to mention the most generous hospitality extended by every lodge both to myself and the brethren who accompanied me, in fact every lodge supplied us with a sumptuous banquet at the close of the meeting, and the good friends made and the mutual exchange of ideas expressed, will long remain in my memory, after the small difficulties of the year shall have faded into the past.

The degree work in the various lodges has been maintained at a high standard, and I only found it necessary in a few instances to mention small differences, needless to say, they were most kindly received and the officers but too anxious to correct and improve their work.

The lodge meetings, on the occasion of my official visit, were invariably well attended, and while some complaints were made of the small attendance at the ordinary meetings, still I feel that as a rule this is being overcome, and the officers of all the lodges, are beginning to realize that, only a perfect rendition of the work degree, combined with some suitable entertainment, and light refreshment, will keep up the interest of the members and make for maximum attendance.

The utmost harmony prevails, throughout the district, and I think that the harmony in a smaller way in some of our lodges is showing an improvement. A closer watch on the petitions for membership, and a more active cultivation of the precepts which are taught in our lodges will eventually correct these troubles. Fraternal visits are highly beneficial, for not only do they make for a better acquaintance amongst the brethren, but they act as a stimulus for more efficient degree work, and a healthy exchange of fraternal ideas.

The business of the lodges is conducted in a proper manner, in one or two cases, I found that the officers were not well informed on constitutional points, but on the whole the showing was good, and the large proportion of the secretaries reported the dues as well paid. Their work shows a careful and faithful record, many of them are Past Masters, which shows that the brethren are fully alive to the absolute necessity of a capable and well informed secretary if their success is to be assured. Some of the lodges still allow their officer to write a large portion of the monthly notices, the cost of printing these is small, and I am happy to say that one by one the lodges are falling into line, and thus make the duties of the secretary, much lighter.

The financial condition of most of the lodges is good in one or two cases I have endeavored to stir up the brethren to greater activity in their finances, which I trust will benefit them, but with regard to most of our larger lodges I feel that I am justified in saying that perhaps too large a portion of lodge funds are expended on entertainment and too little on the fundamental principle of our fraternity; I mean Charity the mistaken idea seems to be all too prevalent, amongst the subordinate lodges, that this virtue is the prerogative of the Grand Lodge, and largely they fail to do their fair share, a lodge of two or three hundred members, granting a few paltry dollars to relief and hundreds of dollars to food and entertainment, is out of line, for the real fruits of our great fraternity is to comfort the widow and the

fatherless, and extend relief where ever needed, and only so far, as this great work is accomplished, are we fulfilling our destiny.

Masonic Pilgrimage to the grave of our First Grand Master, at St. John's Church, Woodhouse, June 24th 1928

After a full week of wet, sodden weather; on this eventful mornng, the sun broke forth from the heavy clouds, as if to join with us, in paying a tribute to the memory of our first Grand Master, Willam Mercer Wilson. Long before the appointed hour, autos from every part of the country began to arrive, and when the beautiful service of the Anglican Church opened the ceremony, fully twenty-five hundred people had assembled, and while it was quite true that the brethren had come to revere the memory of our first Grand Master, it was also true, that in doing so, they paid a greater tribute to the present Grand Master, the Hon. John S. Martin, who was present to welcome them. Other prominent members of Grand Lodge, in the persons of M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, P.G.M., R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. William M. Logan, Grand Secretary; R.W. Bros. W. J. Moore, Chas. S. Hamilton, and W. J. Dunlop, Dist. Deputy Grand Masters of Toronto districts, R.W. Bro. the Rev. A. M. McLennen also D.D.G.M. of Toronto; R.W. Bro. J. L. Mitchener D.D.G.M. of Brant District, and all the Past District Deputy Grand Masters, of Wilson District were present. Most Worshipful Bro. W. H. Wardrope of Hamilton delivered a very eloquent address, which was most reverently listened to, and deeply appreciated. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, took charge of the service at the graveside, assisted by M.W Bro. John A. Rowland and R.W. Bro. A. M. McLennan. The whole comprised a solemn and reverent tribute to the memory of William Mercer Wilson, and well worthy of the splendid traditions of our district.

Official Visits

My first official visit was on September 13th, to Doric Lodge No. 569, at Lakeside. This lodge is

one of the youngest in the district, but notwithstanding its youth, it is well experienced in the principles of Masonry. W. Bro. L. C. Innis and his capable staff of officers exemplified the first degree, in a very creditable manner, and the splendid rendering of the final charge by one of the Past Masters deserves special mention. Bro. F. W. Seaton, the new secretary, had scarcely got into the swing of his work as yet, and was very appreciative of a few suggestions to get a start; with experience, I am sure he will make a very excellent officer. A splendid feeling of friendship and fraternity was apparent in this young lodge.

Blenheim Lodge No. 108, Princeton, was visited on September 16th. I am sorry to report that this lodge has developed the very bad habit of not opening on time, the meeting was called for 7.30 and the W.M. did not appear till nearly 9 p.m. The first degree was put on and a few errors and omissions had to be pointed out, however there were quite a number of efficient Past Masters present, who were both able and willing to do a share of the work. The candidate was a most excellent one, he was very deeply interested in the ceremony, and at the close gave his first impressions of Masonry, in a manner, that I seldom have had the pleasure of hearing. The work of the secretary had developed some faults, but as the lodge did not consider his duties as worthy of recognition by way of a small salary, much could not be expected. Dues were seriously in arrears, and notices were not sent out regularly. I endeavored to point out a better way and a more up to date system which I hope will bear fruit. A large number of visitors were present.

I visited Thistle Lodge No. 450, Embro on September 23rd. This was a special meeting, called to receive my official visit, and the favor is duly appreciated The night was a very stormy one, but nevertheless there was a large attendance, both of members and visitors The third degree was perfectly exemplified by W. Bro. McCorquodale, portions of the work being delivered by W. Bro. James Kennedy and other past masters, W. Bro. D. J. McLeod is a perfect secretary, and the lodge is happy in the

possession of plenty of Past Masters who take a deep interest in lodge affairs, the dues are all paid and this lodge is one of the most prosperous and progressive in the district.

Oriental Lodge No. 181, Port Burwell, received my official visit on October 5th. I was introduced to the officers and members by that most venerable of past masters, V.W. Bro. William Backhouse, his interest in Masonry is increasing rather than decreasing, although he has reached the ripe old age of 90 years. I found the lodge room full to overflowing with members and visitors, there was a large delegation from Vienna, headed by R.W. Bro. S. S. Clutton, the twin of V.W. Bro. Backhouse, and the same age, these two fine samples of Norfolk's pioneers, deserve special mention, for although their eyes are somewhat dimmed, and their hearing not so good, the brilliancy of their wit and repartee is still unimpaired. The first degree was exemplified in good style. The dues are fairly well paid, and the books are kept in fine condition.

I visited Springfield Lodge No. 259, Springfield, on October 10th. There was a splendid attendance at this meeting, about 80 including visitors from Aylmer and surrounding lodges The work of the second degree was put on in an excellent manner and with much credit to the officers. The books and finances of this lodge were in splendid condition, they have just concluded a deal whereby they became owners of the recently vacated Presbyterian church, and will proceed at once to rebuild it into suitable quarters, and they fully expect to open the new rooms by January first. I missed my old friend R.W. Bro. Atkins, who was absent in the west at the time of my visit, however his place was well filled by his brother, who very thoughtfully presented the wife of the D.D.G.M. through me, with a beautiful bouquet of rare dahlias, which, needless to say, were much appreciated. The prospects of this thriving lodge are excellent.

St. John's Lodge No. 104, Norwich, received me

officially on October 11th, there was a large attendance of officers and members as well as visitors from many of the surrounding lodges. The second degree was perfectly exemplified, all the officers doing their parts so well that it was with difficulty, that I could make any remarks. This lodge is to be congratulated on its splendidly equipped lodge room, and its praiseworthy past masters, and is further favored in having R.W. Bro. Moles as its secretary, and I feel that its great success and usefulness is largely to be attributed to his unceasing labors. There are no unpaid dues, and all the working parts of the lodge move smoothly and efficiently. Masonry is progressing in Norwich.

I visited Dereham Lodge No. 624, Mount Elgin, on November 1st. Eight or ten brethren from Walsingham Lodge accompanied me on this visit, and they were royally received. W. Bro. Woodward, and his staff of officers exemplified a first degree splendidly on an excellent candidate. The dues are all paid and the books in first class condition. This is the very youngest lodge in the district, and the fine fraternal feeling I found displayed amongst the brethren, speaks well for a splendid future.

We travelled to Delhi and made our official visit to Frederick Lodge No. 217 on November 7th. R.W. Bro. Max McPherson introduced me to the brethren of the lodge, and the second degree was conferred in a manner, second to none in the district. The books are in fine condition under the able care of R.W. Bro. McPherson and there are no arrears of dues. I specially praised the splendid training of the candidate, and the extraordinary good floorwork of the junior officers. There was a large number of visiting brethren present.

We had a very wet night to drive to Vienna Lodge No. 237, the night of our official visit, however the weather made no difference in the attendance, for it would have been a difficult matter to find room for more. R.W. Bros. McQueen and McDonald of Tillsonburg were amongst the visitors. The third degree was conferred in a fairly proficient manner, but the

W. Master did not have the support of past masters that he was entitled to, and was rather handicapped. The past masters should be the mainstay of the lodge. I am hoping that this was an exception to the general rule. This lodge is under the able guidance of R.W. Bro. Clutton, the dues are fairly well paid and his books are kept in copper plate style, a remarkable achievement, since R.W. Bro. Clutton is 90 years of age. Vienna lodge has recently been purchasing some new lodge furniture, and their room is greatly improved. They have been suffering from some slight differences, but I have been assured that their troubles are over.

On January 6th, I visited Vittoria Lodge No. 359 at Vittoria. I had the pleasure of installing their officers for 1928. About thirty members of Walsingham Lodge accompanied me on this visit, quite a number of brethren from Port Dover, and Simcoe were present, and we had a most enjoyable evening. This lodge demonstrated its ability to exemplify the third degree at the lodge of Instruction on May 25th. I also presented the retiring master with a P.M. jewel and under the able scrutiny of W. Bro. John Pow the prospects of this lodge are promising.

King Hiram Lodge No. 37, and St. John's Lodge No. 68, Ingersoll. We drove to Ingersoll on the evening of the 20th January, and it was the very coldest night of the winter as far as we were concerned. The occasion was a joint installation of officers for these lodges. The attendance was not as large as might have been expected, but we have no control over weather conditions. I installed excellent staffs of officers for these lodges, and with a little added stimulus, there is no doubt but that the attendance at the regular meetings will improve, and the dues be paid in more regularly, both lodges reported rather a heavy lot of arrears. These are two of the oldest lodges in the district, in fact one of them has its 125th anniversary this year, no doubt suitable steps will be taken to celebrate so important a date.

A visit to Tillsonburg, officially, took place on April 4th, we had looked forward with so much anticipation to this visit to King Hiram Lodge No. 78, that the disappointment was very real, as the time drew near and it was apparent that the condition of the roads would not permit any but a most determined motorist to attempt the journey, however, a few of us made it all right in the evening but when the darkness came and the return was on, we were not so fortunate and had to pry the car out a couple of times, however the royal welcome which awaited us, more than made up for any little inconveniences by the way, R.W. Bro. McQueen introduced me formally to the lodge. The first degree was perfectly put on by W. Bro. Johnston and his officers, and the work of the deacons was extraordinary. I have so many acquaintances amongst the brethren of this lodge, that a visit there is almost like going home, and it would be out of order for me to single out any officer for praise, they were all equally efficient. This lodge is particularly fortunate in having the moral support of R.W. Bro. McDonald, and in addition the intellectual assistance of R.W. Bro. McQueen as its able secretary. The spirit of Masonry is very plainly shown in this splendid and thriving lodge.

I visited Oak Branch Lodge No. 261. Innerkip, on April 19th, there being no degree work before the lodge, the officers opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees. This was fairly well done but there were evidences that more practice was needed. The books were in good shape and dues fairly well paid, This lodge, however, in common with some others on the north part of the district is suffering from too small a jurisdiction.

I had the extreme pleasure of visiting Erie Lodge No. 149, Port Dover, a number of times, but my official visit took place on April 30th. Erie Lodge as you all know is the home of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and much to my regret he was unable to be present, however, there was a large attendance of distinguished brethren, and the lodge room was taxed to its utmost capacity. R.W. Bro. Waddle

introduced me to the brethren, in his incomparable way, and W. Bro. Lamb and his staff of officers, conferred a second degree, perfectly, on a very attentive candidate, and the deep impression made on all the listeners, was very noticeable. I cannot help but feel that W. Bro. Lamb, with his wonderful delivery, has a brilliant Masonic future before him. The membership of this lodge has increased so rapidly, that, notwithstanding the fact that they enlarged their quarters but a very few years ago, they are again hampered for room and are planning for a new Masonic home. The dues are all paid, and the books in excellent condition, in the hands of W. Bro. J. C. King. The splendid fraternal feeling displayed by the members of this lodge, is worthy of emulation by other lodges in the district.

I visited King Solomon's Lodge No. 43, and Oxford Lodge No. 76, Woodstock, officially on May first. This was a joint meeting, and the first degree was conferred on a substitute candidate, by the Worshipful Master of King Solomon's Lodge in a perfect manner, the musical accompaniment added a delightful touch to the impressive ceremony, which has to be seen, in order to be properly appreciated The work of all the officers was good The attendance was not as large as was to be expected from the number of brethren in Woodstock I am sure that the officers of these old lodges are doing excellent degree work, and sparing no effort to make the regular meetings attractive. Some plan will have to be devised to waken these apathetic members to a sense of their responsibility, for good standing on the books is very far from being the whole duty of a lodge member. It has been my pleasure to make a number of fraternal visits to these lodges and a more efficient, helpful and praiseworthy company of officers, it has very seldom been my privilege to meet, and under the careful guidance of R.W. Bros. Stevens, Montgomery and Archibald, there should be a great future in prospect for them.

Walsingham Lodge No. 174, Port Rowan was "At Home" to its friends and visitors on May third,

and of course amongst the guests was the District Deputy Grand Master. I was introduced to the lodge by W. Bro. Anderson, Dist. Secretary, and it made me very happy to see visitors from Tillsonburg, Port Dover, Port Burwell and Vienna, headed by R.W. Bros. McDonald, McQueen, Clutton, and V.W. Bro. Backhouse. The officers of the lodge conferred a second degree, but under the stress of the occasionl, they failed to keep quite up to their usual good form, After the degree work, I weakly tried to express the appreciation of Walsingham Lodge as well as myself for the attendance of so many distinguished visitors, and endeavored to give a short sketch of our history, which awakened many pleasant reminiscences. The meeting was most gratifying to the officers, and many expressions of thanks were tendered to the guests and gratefully acknowledged.

My official visit to Norfolk Lodge No. 10, Simcoe took place on May 15th. This was a special meeting, a large number of visitors and members were present Amongst the visitors were R.W. Bro. J. L. Mitchener, D.D.G.M. Brant District, R.W. Bro. J. J. Parsons, Jarvis, R.W. Bro. Waddle, Port Dover, and R.W. Bro. Ross, Waterford. The new officers exemplified the second degree in a splendid manner The outlook of this, the oldest lodge in the district seems to be improving. They have recently bought the building in which their lodge room is located, and are planning to make some changes which will improve their lunch room accommodations The dues are well paid and the books well taken care of. I have been privileged to make a number of fraternal visits to this lodge, and it is to be congratulated on the quality of the men who are the presiding officers and its efficient past masters, a close scrutiny of applications for membership, and a more general practice of the cardinal virtues on the part of all the members, will make for better conditions, and enable this lodge which is so closely connected both by tradition and historical facts, with the beginnngs of the Grand Lodge in Ontario, to regain its especial place, amongst the first lodges of our district.

My last official visit was made on the first of June to Plattsville Lodge No. 178, Plattsville. Installation of officers was the order of business, but on arrival I found that the Master elect was already a Past Master, so after the junior officers had been installed, a first degree was conferred. The Worshipful Master and Wardens were well skilled, but the deacons were so hampered for lack of room, that under the best skill they would have been unable to make a good showing There was a fair attendance of visitors and members, and I was most gratified to see R.W. Bro. H. A. Johnston, and W. Bro. John Anguish of Simcoe, who had taken the long drive to do honor to the representative of the M.W. the Grand Master. The books were in good shape, but the financial condition low, and the candidate of the evening the first for two years. I endeavored to impress on the brethren that there is a dignity and high importance attached to Freemasonry, which can only be upheld by the local lodge occupying a room large enough, well situated, and in keeping with this standard, and only by so doing can members, worthy of our institution, be attracted An increase in the lodge dues and a good display of true Masonic spirit, particularly on the part of the younger members, will work miracles, and place this sixty year old lodge amongst the progressive lodges of the district.

Lodge of Instruction

The nineteenth annual lodge of instruction was held at Port Rowan on May 25th. The officers of Walsingham Lodge No. 171, Port Rowan opened the lodge at 2 p.m. After the general business had been transacted, the officers of Thistle Lodge No. 250 exemplified the first degree, and the officers of Erie Lodge No. 149, Port Dover, the second degree. In the evening, the officers of Vittoria Lodge No. 359 exemplified the third degree, and the lodge was closed by the officers of King Hiram Lodge No. 78, Tillsonburg. The work was uniformly well presented by all the lodges, and there was very little discussion. At the close, the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Hon. John S. Martin, gave a most interesting and

instructive address, which was greatly appreciated. There was an attendance of approximately three hundred, seventeen lodges were represented.

Past Master's Association

This association, which was formed but two years ago, held four meetings during the last Masonic year. I was present at all of them except one in February, and the interest is growing, the opportunity to discuss matters of general interest is unexcelled and results show that such mutual exchange of ideas is highly beneficial. At one of these meetings it was decided to hold a monster Masonic Picnic, this summer, the date was set for August 10th. Erie Lodge, Port Dover was willing to undertake the management of it, provided it was decided to hold the picnic there, and a committee formed of Port Dover brethren with myself as Chairman, was appointed to arrange the details. Later developments, however, largely owing to the absolute necessity for the M.W. the Grand Master to take a vacation, during the month of August, have caused the special committee to call the picnic off, and proper notice was sent to all the lodges in the district.

The President and Secretary are to be congratulated, that they were able to secure such splendid speakers for all the meetings, and the thanks of the Paster Masters should be extended to them.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the brethren of the district, for the cordial manner in which they have received me, on all occasions, also the P.D.D.G.M.s, Past and Ruling Masters, for their co-operation and assistance during the year, and I sincerely hope that my successor in office, will receive the same whole hearted support.

Fraternally submitted,

JOS. E. BIDDLE,

D.D.G.M. Wilson District.

WINDSOR DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honor and pleasure to submit for your consideration, my report in the conditions of Masonry in Windsor District during the past Masonic Year. I wish to express my thanks to the brethren of Windsor District for electing me to the office of D.D. G.M. of Windsor District, and the Officers and members of all the lodges throughout the District for their many kind acts of extreme kindness and courtsies extended to me.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. F. D. Hubbell as District Secretary who has given me most loyal support throughout the year. I wish to thank the past D.D.G.M. and the V.W. Lodge Officers, past and present who accompanied me on all my visits to the various lodges in my district and I might say that my predecessor contributed in a large measure to the high state of proficiency in the work which I found in the various lodges in making my visits most pleasant indeed.

Inspections

Central Lodge No. 402, November 20th, 1927.

Parvaim Lodge No. 395, December 2nd, 1927.

Thistle Lodge No. No. 403, February 14th, 1928.

Dominion Lodge, No. 598, February 15th, 1928.

Border Cities Lodge, No. 554, February 15th, 1928

Palace Lodge, No. 604, February 23rd, 1928.

Leamington Lodge No. 290, March 6th, 1928.

Great Western Lodge No. 47, March 8th, 1928.

Ontario Lodge, No. 521, March 12th, 1928.

Rose Lodge, No. 500, St. Andrews Lodge No. 604 March 14th, 1928.

Harmony Lodge, No. 579, March 15th, 1928.

King Edward Lodge, No. 488, March 20th, 1928.

Naphtali Lodge No. 413, April 3rd, 1928.

Windsor Lodge No. 403, Xenophen Lodge No. 448 May 3rd, 1928.

Garden Lodge No. 641, April 18th, 1928

Pelee Lodge No. 627, April 18th, 1928.

St. George Lodge No. 41, April 26th, 1928.

On the afternoon of the above date Garden Lodge No. 641 and St. Andrews Lodge No. 642 were consecrated and dedicated, the ceremony having been performed by R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, D.G.M., who was acting M.W. assisted by R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan, G.S., R.W. Bro. A. M. Heron, P.G.J.W., R.W. Bro. S. Kirk, G.J.W., R.W. Bro. E. J. Barraclough, P.D.D.G.M., of Georgetown, and W. J. Attig, Assistant General Secretary, Hamilton. Rev. W. Bro. Wm. Moore of Thistle Lodge, Amherstburg and R.W. Bro. Hartley, Asst. Grand Chaplain and 28 other members of the craft who were appointed to assist in the ceremony which proved to be one of the most solemn occasions that the members of the craft in this district have been privileged to witness. Lodge opened in the second degree at 4.05 p.m., when the G.L. Officers of Canada accompanied by 15 G.L. Officers of the State of Michigan were then admitted.

Michigan G.L. Officers:

M.W. Bro. G. W. Graves, G.M.G.L. of Michigan.

W. Bro. R. Rob. P. Anderson, P.G.M.

W. Bro. Fred H. Newton, D.D.G.M.

Geo. W. Dolliver, P.D.D.G.M.

W. Bro. Frank O. Gilbert, 33° R.W.G. Lecturer.

Rev. W. Bro. W. H. Gallagher, 33°, R.W.G. Chaplain.

R.W. Bro. J. F. McGregor, G. Tyler.

W. Bro. A. H. Ludwig, Com. of Appeals.

W. Bro. Henry Becker, Rep. P.E.I. in G.L. of Michigan.

W. Bro. R. A. Kilpatrick, personal representative of G.M.

W. Bro. Wilbur E. Campbell, personal representative of G.M.

W. Bro. Sherman H. Morgan, personal representative of G.M.

W. Bro. Harry J. Hieden, personal representative of G.M.

W. Bro. Geo. E. Bushnell, 33° P.M. of Lodge of Perfection.

W. Bro. Fred J. Lawrence, Member of Board of Control.

At the conclusion of the Ceremonies the company repaired to the banquet hall, according to rank, after having placed the visiting G.L. Officers of Michigan at head of procession which marched to the stirring notes of Onward Christian Soldiers.

The Acting M.W. G.M., R.W. Bro. Dargavel entertained us with one of the most helpful and instructive discourses which has been listened to in Wind sor and the many friends which he has won in this district by his kind genial disposition will look forward to his return with much pleasure

During my term of office and especially when on my official visits, I have endeavored to correct any erorrs and irregularities and impressed on the craft the necessity of uniformity of work I have endeavored to instruct the various lodges along the lines laid down by the G.M. and the G.L I feel that all the lodges in the district have competent officers and the work well done The prospect of masonry in the district are good. The spirit of brotherhood is fine and several fraternal visits have been made by the lodges.

I wish to report the friendly relations that exist between Windsor District and the Grand Lodge of Michigan. Many interchange of visits have occured this year and wonderful fraternal spirit has thus been cemented thereby.

I have no hesitation in stating that Masonry in Windsor district is making real progress. In some instances the membership has not advanced as rapidly owing to the industrial condition which prevailed for some two years or more, so the circumstances in such instances fully cover the situation.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Brethren of Windsor district for the many courtesies extended to me during the year and I trust that my successor will receive the same consideration that I have enjoyed.

Fraternally submitted,

G. H. ARNOTT,

D.D.G.M. Windsor District.

RECEPTION OF VETERAN MASONS

The Grand Master explained that it was his long felt desire to do honor to the Veteran Past Masters of the Craft and that he had requested the various District Deputy Grand Masters to secure the names of Past Masters over seventy years of age and to write them to be present at this communication to receive the congratulations of their brethren. He directed the Grand Director of Ceremonies to marshal these veterans before the dais, when it was found that about one hundred and twenty-five were present. At the request of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, P.G.M., addressed the "Old Guard", eulogized their past service and unswerving loyalty and extended to them the assurance of the affection and admiration of all their brethren. Grand Honours were then accorded them, after which the Grand Master invited them to a banquet in their honour, at which each would be presented with a jewel to be worn as a souvenir of the auspicious occasion.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON WARRANTS

The report of the Committee on Warrants was presented by R.W. Bro. A. J. Young as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Warrants, beg leave to report as follows:

We have examined the books and records of the lodges under dispensation, and recommend that warrants be granted to the following:

Rowland Lodge, Mount Albert, Toronto C District, as Number 646.

Todmorden Lodge, Todmorden, Toronto B District, as Number 647.

Spruce Falls Lodge, Kapuskasing, Temiskaming District, as Number 648.

And that the dispensation granted by the M.W. the Grand Master to Temple Lodge, Oshawa, Ontario District, be continued for another year.

Again we desire to commend these new lodges on the excellent books and records sent in by them for examination.

They start as Masonic entities under the guidance and control of skilled brethren, and we trust sincerely they will, through the years to come, maintain the same high standard of excellence.

We cannot help but draw a comparison between the universally excellent lodge books and records now presented by the lodges seeking warrants and some of the books and records presented to the Committee on warrants fifteen and more years ago. More than once your Committee was obliged to hold up warrants because of the obvious lack of knowledge displayed by the officers who were responsible for the records. For a number of years past your Committee have had nothing to complain of in this respect, and feel this desirable result has been brought about through a closer co-operation between the Grand Secretary's office, the District Deputy Grand Masters and the new lodges under dispensation.

It does seem, too, that more care is being exercised in the placing of lodges. There have been cases of dispensations granted, warrants recommended and granted in centres that at best have only a very small available Masonic population to draw from. In these days of good roads, motor cars and rapid transportation the Masonic necessity for lodges in small, slow-growing centres does not exist as it did twenty years ago.

For these reasons your Committee would like to suggest that close scrutiny of every application for a dispensation should continue to be made, and dispensations granted for the holding of a Masonic Lodge only in those centres in which, so far as is humanly possible to judge, a Masonic Lodge will succeed.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

A. J. YOUNG,

Chairman.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Bro. A. J. Young and resolved: That the report of the Board on Warrants be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON CONSTITUTION AND LAWS

The report of the Committee on Constitution and Laws was presented by M.W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope as follows:

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the President and Members of the Board of General Purposes:

Your Committee report that the motion of the M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, which was deferred for further consideration from 1926, was at that time reported by the Committee on Constitution and Laws of that year as conforming with all legal requirements, and your present Committee confirm said report, that there is no constitutional objection to this motion being presented to Grand Lodge for consideration.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. T. MALONE,
JOHN A. ROWLAND,
W. H. WARDROPE.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by the M.W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, and resolved: That the report of the Board on Constitution and Laws be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON PRINTING AND SUPPLIES

The report of the Committee on Printing and Supplies was presented by R.W. Bro. R. F. Richarson, as follows:

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Wor. Sir and Brethren.

Your Committee have pleasure in presenting the detailed analysis of the expenditure for Printing and Supplies for the year ending May 31st, 1928.

Preliminary Reports, 1927		$ 421.15
Proceedings, 1927		2,830.32
Binding Returns	$ 20.28	
Return Forms	87.22	
Certificates	24.96	
		132.46
Stationery, G.M., D.G.M. and Committees		109.21
Stationery and Supplies, G. Secretary s Office		353.52
Christmas Cards		62.40
Circulars		51.20
Mailing Boxes		67.60
Ceremonies	$ 47.65	
Special Printing	1,995.76	
Muscial Rituals	515.00	
		2,558.41
		$6,586.27

The items of Preliminary Reports and Proceedings, amounting to $3,319.07, and also the three last items, totalling $2,558.41, which last amount is all returnable to Grand Lodge, leaves a balance of $708.79, which represents the actual expenditure for stationery and supplies.

Your Committee directs attention to the fact that this year's printing has been done at a considerably lower price than last year, owing to a more favorable contract having been secured upon the expiry of the former printing contract, and that this year's saving will continue over a period of four more years.

Fraternally submitted,

R. F. RICHARDSON,
Chairman.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by the Grand Secretary, and resolved: That the report of the Board on Printing and Supplies be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

In the absence through illness of the Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, the report of this Committee was presented by the Grand Secretary, when, on motion of the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Secretary the report was received, adopted and ordered to be printed for distribution. (See appendix).

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON BENEVOLENCE

The report of the Committee on Benevolence was presented in the absence of M.W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, the Chairman, by the Deputy Grand Master, as follows:

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Wor. Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Benevolence, begs leave to report that during the year ending May 31st, 1928, there was disbursed in our benevolent work as follows:

Grants from the General Fund authorized at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge		$ 98,577.00
Interim grants from the General Fund by the Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence, with the approval of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and President of the Board of General Purposes		2,978.00
Grants from the interest of the Semi-Centennial Fund		5,365.00
Grants made by the Lodges as shown by the reports of the D.D.G.Ms (estimated)		93,000.00

At this Annual Communication your Committee has considered 739 applications, and it is recommended that 11 of these be declined, and that grants be made subject to the Supervisor's inspection as follows:

368 granted through the local boards amounting to	$ 56,110.00	
360 granted through the lodges amounting to	51,110.00	
	$107,220.00	
Less an approximate 6% reduction by inspection and death	6,433.00	
		$100,787.00
Special grants authorized by Grand Lodge:		
Miss Mary Wilson	$ 500.00	
Miss M. H. Harris	75.00	
		575.00

Total amount of Interim grants (estimated) from the General Fund	2,700.00
Grants recommended from the interest of the Semi-Centennial Fund at this Annual Communication	4,200.00
Additional Interim grants from the unexpended interest of the Semi-Centennial Fund	2,900.00
Total	$111,162.00

It is recommended that we continue the subscription to the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada.

It has again been necessary to report to the Committee on Credentials that 28 lodges are delinquent in not complying with Rule 4-B, Respecting Grants for Benevolence, and consequently may not be permitted to vote at this Session of Grand Lodge, as provided in Sections 2 and 160 of the Constitution.

Your Committee desires to submit for the consideration of Grand Lodge the ever-increasing requirements for financial commitments for our Benevolent needs. The Annual Benevolent Grants in five years have increased by about seventeen thousand dollars, and during the past year it was necessary to expend over six thousand dollars more than in the preceding year. The report of the Grand Treasurer indicates that the Annual Receipts of Grand Lodge do not show a corresponding increase. It is, therefore, obvious that if we are to meet the needs of our Benevolent activities without impairing our reserves, we must increase the yearly revenues to discharge our duty and responsibilities to those of our dependents in sickness and distress.

Your Committee would further suggest that as the number of applications for Benevolent grants, both regular and interim, is growing year by year, that a survey of our system of reviewing these applications might well be considered, and likewise the methods of administration as covered by the Rules Respecting Grants for Benevolence in the books of Constitution We would, therefore, recommend that a Special Com-

mittee be appointed by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to report at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge:

(1) The most equitable and advantageous means of increasing the annual revenues and the amount of such increase necessary to efficiently and adequately provide for our Benevolent requirements.

(2) To review and suggest any necessary revision of the present Rules of Benevolence, also the form and method of handling the applicantions for benevolent grants and any further improvements in the administration of our Benevolence that may be deemed necessary.

Fraternally submitted,

F. W. HARCOURT,

Chairman.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by M.W. Bro. J. A. Rowland and resolved: That the report of the Board on Benevolence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON AUDIT AND FINANCE

The report of the Committee on Audit and Finance was presented by R.W. Bro. Geo. Moore, as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Audit and Finance, through the Board of General Purposes, beg leave to report that they have examined the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary. They have also verified the Annual Statement for the year ending May 31st, 1928, which is certified by the Auditor of Grand Lodge, and your Committee find it correct.

RECEIPTS

Receipts for the Year Ending May 31st, 1928

Balance at credit in Canadian Bank of Commerce, May 31st, 1927	$ 22,107.87	
Less outstanding cheques	2,371.13	
		$ 19,736.74

Receipts from Lodges:

Fees, Registrations of Initiations	$ 13,656.00
Fees, Registration of Affiliations	547.50
Dues	104,301.50
Certificates	77.00
Contitutions	2,250.50
Ceremonies	182.15
Dispensations	1,038.00
Commutations of Dues	5,808.00
Warrants	80.00
Musical Rituals	80.50
Miscellaneous	1,125.10

Refund Grand Lodge Expenses, Guelph, 1927	35.70		
Refund Printing Proceedings	85.35		
		$129,267.30	
Interest on Investments	$ 18,172.08		
Interest on Bank Deposits	854.30		
		19,026.38	
			$148,293.68
Investments Account:			
City of St. Thomas Debentures matured and paid	$ 1,538.12		
Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry, matured and paid	4,000.00		
			5,538.12
			$173,568.54

EXPENDITURES

General Charges:			
Grand Treasurers' Clerk to March 31, 1928	$ 400.00		
Grand Secretary to May 31, 1928	6,000.00		
Office Staff to May 31, 1928	6,800.00		
Auditor's Fees to Mar. 31, 1928	600.00		
Incidental Expenses, Grand Secretary's Office	1,500.00		
Office Rent	1,000.00		
Insurance, Furniture and Bond Premiums	184.00		
Telephone Service	86.40		
Safety Box Rental	40.00		
		$ 16,610.40	
Printing—			
Stationery, etc.	$ 683.83		
Special	1,995.76		
Proceedings, 1927	2,897.92		
Postage on Proceedings	235.00		
Ceremonies	47.65		
Certificates and Warrants	757.49		
Musical Rituals	515.00		
		7,132.65	

Allowance to Grand Master	$ 1,500.00		
Stenographer for Grand Master	300.00		
Testimonial to Grand Master	500.00		
Allowance to Deputy Grand Master	250.00		
		2,550.00	
Grand Lodge Expenses, Guelph, 1927	$ 2,615.47		
U.S. and Canada Masonic Relief Association	548.34		
Committee on Fraternal Correspondence	400.00		
Honorary Presentation Jewels	232.81		
Memorial Tributes	70.00		
Portraits and Framing	25.00		
Repairs to Regalia and Typewriter	85.82		
Special Commissions	52.65		
Postage, Chairman of Committtees	40.00		
		4,070.09	
			$ 30,363.14
Supervisor's Travelling Expenses and Sten.	$ 600.84		
Supervisor of Benevolence, Thos. Rowe	3,000.00		
Inspector of Benevolence, J. B. Nixon	1,200.00		
Inspector's Travelling Expenses and Annual Meeting of the U.S. and Canada Mas. Relief Association	75.00		
		4,875.84	
Benevolent Grants		101,735.00	
			$106,610.84
Queen Alexandra National Memorial			1,000.00
			$137,973.98

Investments Purchased:

Canada Permanent Trust Co. Guaranteed Investment	$ 10,000.00

Debenture Township East Sandwich	4,163.97	
		14,163.97
		$152,137.95
Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce May 31	$ 24,794.61	
Less outstanding cheques	3,364.02	
		21,430.59
		$173,568.54

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND

For Year Ending 31st May, 1928

RECEIPTS

Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce, May 31, 1927	$ 4,584.99		
Less outstanding cheques	1,275.00		
			$ 3,309.99
Additional Contributions from Lodges and Districts			
Faithful Brethren Lodge No. 77, Lindsay	$ 3.00		
Shuniah Lodge No. 287, Port Arthur	5.00		
Zeta Lodge No. 410 Toronto	90.00		
Nickel Lodge No. 427, Sudbury	100.00		
Kilwinning Lodge No. 565, Toronto	200.00		
Runnymede Lodge No. 619, Toronto	100.00		
Georgian District	125.00		
Prince Edward District	350.00		
		$ 973.00	
Interest on Investments	$ 5,288.01		
Interest on Bank Deposits	132.01		
		5,420.02	
			6,393.02
Investments Matured:			
City of Berlin Debenture matured		$ 106.47	
City of Peterborough Debenture matured		1,850.00	

Town of Walkerville Debenture matured		639.13	
Township of Etobicoke Debenture matured		2,107.50	
			4,703.10
			$ 14,406.11

DISBURSEMENTS

Benevolent Orders		$ 5,365.00	
Investments Purchased:			
Canada Permanent Trust Co., Guaranteed Investment	$ 2,500.00		
Township of York City of Toronto	2,718.56		
		5,218.56	
			10,583.56
Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce May 31, 1928	$ 5,387.55		
Less outstanding Chqeues	1,565.00		
			3,822.55
			$ 14,406.11

CAPITAL ACCOUNT, 1927

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce May 31st, 1927	$ 22,107.87		
Less outstanding cheques	2,371.13		
		$ 19,736.74	
Investments per Schedule Face Value		330,293·57	
			$350,030.31

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND

Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce May 31, 1927	4,584.99		
Less outsanding cheques	1,275.00		
		$ 3,309.99	
Investments per Schedule Face Value		103,402.87	
			$106,712.86
			$456,743.17

CAPITAL ACCOUNT, 1928

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Balance in Candian Bank of Commerce May 31st, 1928	$ 24,794.61		
Less outstanding Cheques	3,364.02		
		$ 21,430.59	
Investments per Schedule		338,755.45	
			$360,186.04

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND

Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce May 31st, 1928	$ 5,387.55		
Less outstanding Cheques	1,565.00		
		$ 3,822.55	
Investments per Schedule		103,895.52	
			$107,718.07
			$467,904.11
Capital Increase			11,160.94

Summary	1928	1927	Increase
Investments:			
General Account	$338,755.45	$330,293.57	$ 8,461.88
Semi-Centennial Account	103,895.52	103,402.87	492.65
Bank Balance:			
General Account	21,430.59	19,736.74	1,693.85
Semi-Centennial Account	3,822.55	3,309.99	512.56
	$467,904.11	$456,743.17	
	456,743.17		
Capital Increase	$ 11,160.94		$ 11,160.94

A detailed statement of both the General and Semi-Centennial Accounts will be found in the reports of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary. The books are in good order and are excellently kept.

Guarantee Bonds for the Grand Secretary, the Assistant Grand Secretary and Miss Place for $5,000. each, also a combination messenger paymaster and interior Robbery Policy for $5,000, all issued by the Fidelity Insurance Company of Canada, have been

inspected by the Committee. The Bonds are in the custody of the Grand Treasurer.

Your Committee recommend that the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master be authorized to renew the same at the expiry thereof.

ESTIMATES FOR 1928

RECEIPTS

Fees —Initiations	$ 14,500.00
Affiliations	600.00
Dues	103,000.00
Certificates	100.00
Constitutions and Ceremonies	3,000.00
Dispensations	500.00
Commutations	5,500.00
Warrants	60.00
Musical Rituals	75.00
Miscellaneous	1,000.00
Interest	18,500.00
	$146,835.00

EXPENDITURES

Grand Treasurer's Clerk	$ 400.00
Grand Secretary	6,000.00
Assistant to Grand Secretary	3,000.00
Stenographer	2,000.00
Clerk	1,800.00
Auditor	600.00
Incidentals	1,500.00
Proceedings	3,000.00
Printing, Stationery, etc.	1,800.00
Constitutions	2,000.00
Telephone	100.00
Insurance	200.00
Safety Box	40.00
Office Rent	1,000.00
Postage on Proceedings	250.00
Postage, Chairmen of Committees	40.00
Fraternal Correspondence Committee	400.00
Grand Master's Allowance	1,500.00
Grand Master's Stenographer	300.00
Deputy Grand Master	500.00
Past Grand Master's Regaiia	500.00
Commissions	100.00
U.S. and Canada Masonic Relief Association	275.00
Regalia and Furniture Repairs and Equipment	200.00
Grand Lodge Expenses	3,500.00
Miscellaneous	1,000.00
Inspector of Benevolence	1,200.00
Supervisor of Benevolence	3,000.00

Stenographer	150.00
Travelling Expenses	850.00
	$ 37,205.00
Benevolent Grants	104,000.00
	$141,205.00

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE MOORE,
Chairman.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Bro. Geo. Moore and resolved: That the report of the Board on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY

The report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry was read and presented by R.W. Bro. W. S. Herrington, as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

In our report of last year we dealt at some length with the low average attendance at the regular meetings of our lodges, and sought to ascertain the cause, and if possible to provide a remedy for a condition that we felt must sooner or later prove very detrimental to our order. The favorable reception accorded our efforts has encouraged us to pursue our enquiries further, as we believe that the mission of Freemasonry can be more easily accomplished with full lodge rooms than with an average attendance representing a very small percentage of the membership.

We do not wish to be understood as placing ourselves on record as entertaining pessimistic views re-

garding the good work that is being done, as we believe that at no time in its history has Freemasonry attained as high a standard as to-day. We are quite willing also to concede that in the development of character, in the making of good citizens, and in the practice of charity in the widest acceptance of the term Freemasonry is at its best to-day. While we may concede all this, yet there is a danger of our being too optimistic, a tendency to rest upon our laurels, and in our fancied security lose some of the ground we have gained. Indeed, we think we can demonstrate that we are losing it every day if loss of membership can be so construed. The ideal that we should set before us is the attainment of the greatest possible good with no slacking of our energy when the goal is in sight.

An examination of the statistics of the reports of our Grand Lodge for the years 1925, 1926 and 1927 in respect to resignations, suspensions for non-payment of dues and restorations, reveals a condition, which if not alarming, is certainly such as well may cause us to pause and seriously to consider whether or not we fully realize what the annual loss in membership really means. We regretfully scan the long list of those who are summoned from us each year by death. Would it surprise you to learn that death is responsible for less than one-half of the actual loss in membership? A glance at the annual reports will convice you that such is the case. We do not wish to burden our comments with too many figures and will present those for the last three years only, as they will most correctly represent the present condition. It would be interesting to analyze the figures relating to resignations and joinings. A very large number of those who resign have changed their place of residence, and have affiliated with the lodges nearest their new homes. To determine just how many have not done so would involve an examination of each individual case, a task your Committee could not be expected to undertake. We find that in the three years referred to over 3,900 brother Masons resigned. From our own personal observation we know that a large number of these have not affiliated with other lodges. As we have not

the means of computing the exact number we will disregard them in our further calculations, as we are more deeply concerned about those who were suspended for non-payment of dues. During this same period 4,508 were suspended for non-payment of dues, and there were 806 restorations. Not all of these restored members had been suspended for non-payment of dues, but as we are in the dark as to how many were we will for our present purposes reduce the number suspended for non-payment of dues by the entire number of restorations, and even with this liberal calculation we are confronted with the fact that during these three years our doors were closed to no less than 3,702 members. 3,702 once brethren of ours who knelt at the same altar and took the same obligation that we did were thus debarred from further fellowship with us. If Masonry is all that we proclaim it to be, should its privileges be so flippantly tossed about? Does anyone believe that in three years' time there could be found among the Masons of Ontario such an army of indigent members? We do not think so. There are precious few who could not afford to raise the paltry sum required to meet the annual dues. Why then were they not paid? Why do they undergo what to them must have been a humiliating experience? It would be interesting to know how many of these, 3,702 were regular attendants at the lodge meetings. We believe you will find that there were very few. This brings us to the same point we reached a year ago, and we pause and ask ourselves—why? Why did they not attend lodge? Why did they not pay their dues? The poor secretary generally bears the brunt of the blame for not collecting the dues promptly. There is no doubt that a good live secretary can largely overcome the difficulty by applying to the finances of the lodge the same sound methods that a good business man would apply to the collection of small debts. But the secretary should not bear the whole burden.

There appears to be a good deal of laxity in dealing with delinquents. The dues in all lodges are payable either semi-annually or annually. It is the duty of the Master to see that some action is taken semi-annually or annually in respect to all brethren whose dues are in arrears. In comparing one year with another over

a series of years, it would appear that such is not the practice in a great many lodges. Instead of dealing regularly and promptly with the arrears, the statistics indicate that once in every two or three years they have a regular clean-up. In one lodge we observe that over 100 members were suspended in one year, and in another twenty per cent. of the entire membership were similarly dealt with. The evil of such a course is apparent. There is far less likelihood of a member paying the accumulated arrears of two or three years than the much smaller sum owing at the end of a half year or year. If better business methods had been applied toward these 3,702 suspended brethren, and if more attractive programmes had been provided, the chances are that a large proportion of them would be Masons in good standing to-day. If any of us look over the list of members suspended from our respective lodges during the past three years we will find that there are very few who could not pay their dues if they had seen fit to do so. Of course, the suspended member is primarily responsible for the fate that overtook him. It was his duty to meet his obligation. It may be that he intended to but neglected doing so, and before he realized it the arrears had mounted up to a considerable sum, and to him it was a short step from neglect to indifference. But even at this late state it might have been possible to retain him if all the members of the lodge had done their full duty and had not left the matter to the secretary and other officers. How often have we sat in the lodge room and heard the names of our brethren in arrears read out without asking ourselves what we might do to avert the inevitable suspension. If we believed that he was unable to pay, was that not a golden opportunity to practise that virtue which at one time we in the north-east angle of the lodge professed to admire? If, on the other hand, we believed he was able to pay, why did we not go to him and endeavor to persuade him to do so, and thus retain him in the fold? This manifestation of a brotherly interest in him, which perhaps we had neglected to evince upon other occasions, might alone have prevented his name from appearing in our annual report under the heading "Suspended N.P.D."

Let us now turn to the bright side of the picture. If one were disposed to form a pessimistic opinion of the Condition of Masonry in this province, he will find an effective remedy by a careful perusal of the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters. He will first be struck with the earnestness with which these officers go about their duties and the thoroughness with which they perform them. Without a single exception one note resounds throughout all these reports, and it is one of faith. Faith in the cause so dear to the hearts of all true craftsmen. Faith in the Grand Master and the splendid work he has accomplished during the past year, and faith in the rank and file of the order who never showed to better advantage than during the past twelve months. The Grand Master has pursued the course adopted by his predecessor of arranging meetings at some central point in the several districts visited by him and every lodge in the district was invited to participate in the proceedings. The attendance at these receptions has been indicative of the esteem and love entertained for the supreme head of the craft throughout the entire jurisdiction. The welcome extended to him was spontaneous and cordial, and in many instances accommodation could not be secured for all who desired to attend and do him honor. His addresses were marked with a patriotic zeal for maintaining that high standard of citizenship set by those loyal and sturdy pioneers who laid the foundation of this the banner province. A timely appeal was made to all Masons to use their influence in giving friendly assistance to the newcomers from the Motherland. The firm hold the Grand Master has upon the affections of the 115,000 Masons in Ontario and the keen interest manifested in his message in all parts of the jurisdiction lead us to believe that he has succeeded in imparting to all who heard him some of the patriotic zeal that inspired his utterances. No worthier subject can engage the attention of Masons and the immigrant boy has no truer friend than our Grand Master.

An outstanding event of the year was the annual pilgrimage on June 24th to the last resting place of M.W. Bro. William Mercer Wilson, our first Grand

Master. No less than 2,500 brethren participated in the ceremony, among them being the Grand Master the Deputy Grand Master and other distinguished members of Grand Lodge. This beautiful and well-merited tribute to the memory of the founder of our Grand Lodge speaks well for the sense of reverence of those who planned and took part in the gathering, and particularly our present Grand Master.

We might quite profitably refer to many interesting matters introduced by the District Deputies in their reports. As these will be published in full we will limit our comments to a few. The District Deputy of Wellington District writes of his Mother Lodge, Irvine No. 205, "A benevolent night is held usually at the March meeting and one or more addresses on Masonry are given instead of degrees being exemplified, and after the meeting a free-will offering is taken to increase this benevolent fund. In five years the fund has grown to $550.00."

An encouraging message along the same line come from R.W. Bro. Price, of Grey District, "In the matter of benevolence I find the lodges, for the most part, are making provision for the demands that are being made or will inevitably be made in the future. In those instances where no definite fund is provided for this purpose an effort should be made to establish one."

We fear that the following criticism from Peterborough District might truly be made in respect to most of our lodge rooms, "In most of our lodges heating and ventilating are serious problems. Many brethren want to come to lodge but hesitate on account of unnecessary warmth and bad ventilation." This subject might well engage the attention of all District Deputies during the coming year.

From the Eastern District comes the following: "It is the usual custom of the brethren to come to lodge without their masonic aprons and to wear a cotton one provided by the lodge. I have been impressing upon the brethren of the Eastern District that a cotton apron is not masonic clothing."

From Niagara District, where most of the lodges own their temples, the District Deputy sounds a note of warning. "The building of temples by the lodges is a very commendable undertaking, if it does not place the lodge in such a position financially that they have to accept candidates of a low moral standard in order to pay the cost."

The District Deputy of Hamilton "A" does not favor the election of the minor officers down to stewards upon the following grounds: "It prolongs elections unnecessarily. It places the choice of the future Masters in the hands of those not best qualified to know the full duties of the Masters. It has a strong tendency to start solicitation."

From a number of suggestions made by R.W. Bro. Dunlop, of Toronto District "D", we select the following: "A Master's ability can be very readily judged by the manner in which he carries out the details that go to make up an evening's work. No time should be wasted. Loss of time is an evidence of lack of preparation. Nothing of dignity, nothing of impressiveness is lost by avoiding unnecessary delay."

The following from Bruce District is a fair sample of the many reports regarding the official visits of the Grand Master: "In his message to the brethren, regarding the importance of our Fraternity, he alluded to the prime objects of our order and dwelt on the building of good character and citizenship. The address throughout was most inspiring, and his visit to Bruce District will long be remembered by the members of the Craft who were fortunate enough to be present. Although his visit to the District was very short, he won for himself a secure place in the heart and affection of all those with whom he came in contact."

R.W. Bro. Hamilton of Toronto District "C", in commenting upon the ambition of some lodges to increase their membership, covers the whole ground in the following well-chosen sentences: "We value our Masonry because we believe it is a benefit to us, and we

welome those who we believe are capable of receiving and are searching for the same advantages. If we receive, we must teach them so that they may assimilate our teaching, fostering in them the practice of right thinking and right doing. We cannot and would not make all men Masons, nor should we capriciously withhold from a fellow-man our privileges and opportunities—all of which should be borne in mind when proposing and investigating petitioners and in the legitimate use of the ballot box."

It has not been the practice of this Committee to single out for special mention any particular lodge, but we see no reason why we should not depart from that custom if in our opinion the circumstances warrant it. Our attention has been called to a small lodge in the outskirts of our jurisdiction having, according to the last annual report, a membership of only 127, which has not yet completed the first decade of its consecration, but has already attained such a degree of efficiency that it may safely be held up as an example to the older and more pretentious lodges. We refer to Abitibi Lodge No. 540, at Iroquois Falls, a town with a population of about 1,600.

The adjoining territory is sparsely settled, a considerable portion of the population being French or foreigners, and the nearest lodge is 33 miles distant in one direction and in another the nearest is 72 miles distant. The members residing outside the town are not favored with the good roads to be found in the older-settled parts of the province, and can attend lodge only at a great deal of personal inconvenience. Ten of the resident members are 26 miles distant from the lodge, and many others have to travel long distances to reach the town. Yet, with all these disadvantages, we find that during the summer months when the roads are passable ninety per cent. of the members resident within the jurisdiction respond to the Master's summons, and the average attendance at the ten regular meetings in 1927 was 86. In addition there were six emergent meetings during the same period, at which the average attendance was 44. We believe Abitibi No. 540 may fairly challenge any

other lodge in the jurisdiction to produce a better record. The cause of this extraordinary condition is not far to seek.

It matters not whether we examine the work of this lodge from a financial, social, educative or benevolent viewpoint, it is quite apparent that the first prerequisite for the success of any lodge has been strictly observed, and that scrupulous care has been exercised in the selection of candidates for membership. There are no members of outstanding prominence or wealth, but all are chosen from the ordinary walks of life. There is one lesson very difficult to inculcate in the rank and file of almost every lodge, and that is that every brother has certain responsibilities which he should not evade. This lesson seems to have been most thoroughly instilled in the minds of the Abitibi brethren. They appear to be immune against that ailment with which so many lodges are afflicted—financial embarrassment. When they require money they simply go after it and get it, and when they get it they are not afraid to spend it, having full confidence in their ability to acquire more when needed. Although their quarters were fairly well equipped and furnished, they concluded that a new and more artistic floor covering was desirable. The cost was to be $650. The lodge contributed $150 towards the purchase price which left $500 yet to be raised. This would be a rather serious problem for most lodges, but not so with Abitibi. They levied a per capita tax, collected the necessary amount, purchased the carpet and that was all there was about it. The initiation fee is $75.00 of which $50.00 is turned over to a benevolent fund which is maintained at the high-water mark of $1,000. Last year from this fund they made a liberal grant to one of their own needy members, donated $100 to the Children's Aid Society and spent $200 in providing Christmas cheer for the poor children of the town, none of whom belonged to the families of the members. With this record before him a prominent member, in replying to a questionnaire sent him by this Committee, modestly says: "We have not spent a great deal in benevolence this year."

The by-laws, which, by the way, are very comprehensive and exceptionally well drafted, provide that the annual dues for each member, resident and non-resident, shall be $10.00, payable in advance on January 1st; but a very seductive rider is added to the effect that the same shall be $8.00 if paid before March 1st. This appears to produce very satisfactory results, as there are never more than one or two members twelve months in arrears.

Perhaps, however, the greatest accomplishment of this little lodge is the work of what is termed the "400 Club". A committee of seven active members was appointed to solicit voluntary subscriptions from all Masons in the vicinity, making no distinction between members of the lodge and resident non-affiliated brethren. The annual objective is $400, to be devoted towards paying the expenses of talented speakers to come to Iroquois Falls to address the brethren. Again the money was forthcoming; the speakers were secured and the meetings were most successful. At one there were 167 in attendance, including representatives from no less than 36 lodges. Upon balancing their books at the end of the year the Committee found a substantial balance on hand. As it is their policy to let each year take care of itself, this balance was applied towards the purchase of some new fittings for the lodge room. The experiment produced such gratifying results that a new subscription list was opened for 1928 and the good work continues. The development of the educative and social side of masonry is not confined to these large functions under the management of the "400 Club". After each regular meeting there is a banquet at which the brethren spend a pleasant social hour.

There are other commendable features in connection with the routine work of this lodge, but sufficient has already been embodied in this report to demonstrate that where the true spirit of masonry exists, adverse local conditions need not prove a barrier to the successful maintenance of a real masonic lodge.

The attention of your Committee has also been called to the excellent work that is being carried on by

Corinthian Lodge No. 513, of Hamilton, in the care of their sick. They go about this very important branch of practical masonry in such a thorough manner that we feel that we can safely commend their methods to other lodges which may be disposed to engage in similar work, but lack the organization for carrying it out. The Senior Warden of the lodge is Chairman of the Committee to which the visitation of the sick is assigned. He is assisted by a Vice-Chairman and such members of the lodge as volunteer for the service, and no difficulty is experienced in securing them. The Vice-Chairman superintends all visits and, as a rule, personally heads the deputations in their rounds of calls. The visits are classified under three heads, those paid to the members of the lodge sick in their own homes; those paid to all Masons who are patients in the hospitals of the city; and those paid to brethren and others undergoing treatment in the Sanitarium. Those falling under the first class quite naturally receive the most attention and are visited very frequently, sometimes as often as four times a week, according to the nature of their illness and their need for assistance. Without intruding upon the privacy of the home the Committee sees that these brethren are provided with the necessary comforts and delicacies, and in the event of death suitable arrangements are made for the funeral if the family of the deceased brother so desires. During the year ending October 23rd, 1927, no less than forty-five homes were visited by members of the Committee and so far as was practicable the material wants of the sick inmates were amply supplied, and best of all, the bond of friendship and brotherly love was strengthened. Sundays are red-letters days for all Masons undergoing treatment in the hospitals. It matters not to what lodge they belong, they know that, rain or shine, five kind-hearted brethren, members of this Committee, are going to pay them a visit. In order that none may be overlooked in the General Hospital a register is kept of all brethren admitted. While these visits are necessarily of short duration, yet they bring good cheer to the sick, who are made to feel that they have sympathetic brethren ready and glad to render them any assistance in their power. During the year

covered by the last report 673 such visits were made. The value of this work cannot be overrated, especially in the case of strangers who have no reliatives near at hand. The hospital visits are not restricted to Snudays, as week-days visits are also made in all cases where there is an opportunity to soothe the afflictions or relieve the necessities of the less fortunate brethren.

In their work in connection with the Sanitarium the Committee has gone one step farther, thereby demonstrating that their charity knows no bounds. A few years ago the hearts of the visitors were touched by the distressful condition of some friendless patients who were not Masons. I cannot do better than quote from the last annual report of the Committee: "We took those poor fellows under our care and included them in our Sunday visits, and the result has been good to watch. They seemed to take a new lease of life, forget their loneliness, and we have seen men discharged from that institution who can and have attributed their return to health to visits of this Committee."

We venture to assert that Corinthian Lodge is worthy of special mention, and may well be proud of the splendid record of its Committee in care of the sick.

W. S. HERRINGTON,

Chairman.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Bro. W. S. Herrington and resolved: That the report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

The report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals was presented by R.W. Bro. Alex. Cowan, as follows:

I beg to present the report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals.

(1) Palestine Lodge No. 559 vs. Bro. Louis Layman.

The facts of this case are set out in the 1926 proceedings at page 384 and in the 1927 proceedings at page 325. Bro. Layman is now under suspension and was duly notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft. He has not appeared. The Committee, therefore, recommend that he be expelled.

(2) High Park Lodge No. 531, vs. Bro. Charles A. Matthews

The facts of this case are set out in the 1925 proceedings at page 321, in the 1926 proceedings at page 385 and in the 1927 proceedings at page 326.

Bro. Matthews is now under suspension and has been for more than three years and was duly notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft.

The Committee now have before them a written request from High Park Lodge No. 531 of which lodge Bro. Matthews was a member at the time of his suspension, requesting that he be reinstated. This letter is signed by the Secretary with the seal of the lodge attached and is accompanied by a copy of a resolution carried unanimously by the brethren of his lodge on the 17th of May, 1928, after due notice to all the members, recommending to Grand Lodge that Bro. Charles A. Matthews be reinstated.

The following petition is also presented by High Park Lodge signed by the Secretary and under the seal of the lodge.

"The brethren of High Park Lodge in open lodge assembled hereby express themselves as strongly in favour of removing the suspension from Masonic Privilege now in force against Brother Charles A. Matthews, and of the reinstatement of that brother in good standing, and the full enjoyment of those privileges from the exercise of which he is at present debarred. They are prompted to this desire by a firm conviction that the period during which this brother has been deprived of those privileges has been of ample duration to maintain the honour and dignity of the Craft, and to effect the purpose in view when it was imposed.

They are cognizant of the fact that this brother has since his suspension established himself in the commercial life of the community, has attained a gratifying measure of success in the business enterprise in which he is engaged, and has shown himself worthy of that confidence and respect which has been accorded him by those with whom he is in daily contact in business relations as also in social intercourse, upon a footing of mutual equality and esteem.

That having satisfied to the fullest extent the requirements of the Civil Law and possessing the goodwill and respect of the Community in which the greater part of his life has been spent, his brethren of High Park Lodge are fully convinced that the time has arrived when they may fairly ask that Grand Lodge accord to him a measure of consideration and recognition not less than that which he has received from his fellow citizens generally and that he should now be permitted to resume fellowship and intercourse with his brethren of the Craft in the various activities of Masonic Life.

The Committee have given this case very careful consideration and now recommend that the suspension of Bro. Charles A. Matthews be removed and that he be restored to good standin the Order.

(3) St. Francis Lodge No. 24, Smith Falls vs. Bro. F. W. M. Hall.

The facts of this case are set out in the 1927 proceedings at page 326. Bro. Hall is now under suspension and was duly notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft. He has not appeared. The Committee, therefore, recommend that he be expelled.

(4) Hamilton Lodge No. 562 vs. Bro. Ernest H. Risbridger

The facts of this case are set out in the 1927 proceedings at page 327. Bro. Risbridger is now under suspension and was duly notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft. He has not appeared. The Committee, therefore, recommend that he be expelled.

(5) Ashlar Lodge No. 247, Toronto, vs. Bro. Dr. E. Herbert Adams

The facts of this case are set out in the 1927 proceedings at page 327. Bro. Adams is now under suspension and was duly notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft. He has not appeared. The Committee, therefore, recommend that he be expelled.

(6) Malahide Lodge No. 140, Aylmer, vs. Bro. Frank Fisher.

The facts of this case are set out in the 1927 proceedings at page 328. Bro. Fisher is now under suspension and was duly notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft. He has not appeared. The Committee, therefore, recommend that he be expelled.

(7) Beaches Lodge No. 473, Toronto, vs. Bro. J. H. Day.

The facts of this case are set out in the 1927 proceedings at page 328. It would now appear from the correspondence in the hands of the committee that a ballot was duly taken on the question of the penalty to be imposed upon the brother and was found to be unanimous for indefinite suspension.

The committee concur in the finding of the lodge as to the guilt of the brother but are of the opinon that he should be expelled from the Craft and recommend that he be notified to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled and that in the meantime his suspension be continued.

(8) Mimosa Lodge No. 576 vs. Bro. Edward F. McDonald

The facts of this case are set out in the 1927 proceedings at page 329. Bro. McDonald is now under suspension and was duly notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft. He has not appeared. The Committee, therefore, recommend that he be expelled.

(9) Moira Lodge No. 11, Belleville, vs. Bro. Lee D. Norris

The facts of this case are set out in the 1927 proceedings at page 329. Bro. Norris is now under suspension and was duly notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft. He has not appeared. The Committee, therefore, recommend that he be expelled.

(10) Clifton Lodge No. 254, Niagara Falls, vs. Bro. Geo. J. Weales

The facts of this case are set out in the 1927 proceedings at page 330. Bro. Weales is now under suspension and was duly notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft. He has not appeared. The Committee, therefore, recommend that he be expelled.

(11) Ivy Lodge No. 115, Beamsville, vs. Bro. Chas. A. Reid

The facts of this case are set out in the 1927 proceedings at page 330. Bro. Reid is now under suspension and was duly notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft. He has not appeared. The Committee, therefore, recommend that he be expelled.

(12) Leeds Lodge No. 201 Gananoque vs. Bro. J. H. Valleau.

Craig Lodge No. 401, Deseronto vs. Bro. J. H. Valleau

The facts of this case are set out in the 1927 proceedings at pages 330 and 331. Bro. Valleau is now under suspension and was duly notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft. He has not appeared. The Committee, therefore, recommend that he be expelled.

(13) Tecumseh Lodge No. 144 Stratford vs. Corinthian Lodge No. 513, Hamilton.

This is a case of invasion of jurisdiction and was before your committee and Grand Lodge last year as appears by the proceedings at pages 332 and 333.

The M.W. the Grand Master appointed a commission consisting of R.W. Bros. Lyman Lee, James Gill and R. H. Foster to investigate the charge made by Tecumseh Lodge against Corinthian Lodge by reason of the initiation of one Edward George Loebsack by Corinthian Lodge, and the committee, after a very careful and exhaustive investigation and the taking of a great deal of evidence, find, amongst other facts, that Bro. Loebsack was not during the year immediately preceding the 27th day of January, 1927, the date of his application to Corinthian Lodge, at any time a resident of Hamilton and the statement that he had resided within the jurisdiction of Corinthian Lodge for one year immediately prior to said date was untrue but that it was not wilfully untrue.

They further find that for the year preceding the 27th day of January, 1927, and the year preceding the first of March 1927, Bro. Loebsack was a resident of Stratford and lived during said period within the jurisdiction of Tecumseh Lodge and that there was invasion of jurisdiction on the part of Corinthian Lodge in receiving his application and in initiating him in that lodge.

They also find Bro. Loebsack's application had been rejected twice in the lodges in Stratford prior to his application to Corinthian Lodge and also that it is not in the opinion of the commission advisable that Bro. Loebsack's membership should be continued in Corinthian Lodge.

The commission recommend that the Grand Master issue a dispensation legalizing the initiation of Bro. Edward George Loebsack and Ten dollars, the cost of such dispensation, be paid by Corinthian Lodge and seventy-five dollars, the initiation fee, be paid by Corinthian Lodge into the benevolent fund of Grand Lodge, and that in granting such dispensation the Grand Master declare that Bro. Edward George Loebsack shall be a non-affiliated mason.

The committee concur in the findings and recommendations of the commission and recommend accordingly.

(14) Prince Edward Lodge No. 18, Picton vs. Bro. Joseph J. Mellor

This Brother was convicted in the County Judges Criminal Court for the County of Prince Edward on the 13th day of January, 1928 of a serious charge involving a violation of section 19 of rule 1 and sentenced by His Honor Evan H. McLean to thirteen months in the Central Prison.

A charge of unmasonic conduct was preferred against him, which charge was duly received and a committee of three appointed by the W.M. to take evidence and report to the lodge.

He was subsequently placed on trial by his lodge, found guilty, suspended and recommended for expulsion.

The committee concur in the finding of the lodge and recommend that he be summoned to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled and in the meantime his suspension be continued.

(15) Union Lodge No. 118, Schomberg vs. Bro. George Laird.

This brother was tried in the Juvenile Court at Toronto on a charge of indecent assault, convicted and sentenced to jail for not less than three months and not more than one year by His Honor Judge Mott.

A charge of unmasonic conduct was preferred against him by a member of his lodge. He was subsequently placed on trial by his lodge, found guilty, suspended and recommended for expulsion.

The committee concur in the finding of the lodge and recommend that he be summoned to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled and in the meantime his suspension be continued.

(16) Percy Lodge No. 161, Warkworth vs. Bro. James Bruce Thompson.

This brother is charge with unmasonic conduct involving a violation of section 19 of rule 1.

He was subsequently placed on trial by his lodge, pleaded guilty and indefinitely suspended, the brethren deciding by a

ballot not to recommend the brother to Grand Lodge for expulsion.

The committee are of the opinion, however, that he should be expelled and recommend that he be notified to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled and in the meantime his suspension be continued.

(17) High Park Lodge No. 531 Toronto, vs. W. Bro. Albert E. Weston.

This brother was convicted on June 17th, 1927, by R. J. Browne, one of the Police Magistrates in and for the City of Toronto, of stealing Twenty thousand dollars, the property of Messrs. Hayes and Lailey, and sentenced to imprisonment in the Kingston Penitentiary for the Province of Ontario for a period of four years.

A charge of unmasonic conduct was subsequently laip against him. He was tried by his lodge, found guilty, suspended and recommended for expulsion.

The committee concur in the finding of the lodge and recommend that he be summoned to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled and in the meantime his suspension be continued.

(18) Sturgeon Falls Lodge No. 447 Sturgeon Falls, vs. Bro. Joseph Vincent.

This brother was convicted in the District Judges Criminal Court at Sudbury on the 30th day of June 1926, by His Honor Charles E. Hewson, Judge of the said District, on a charge involving a violation of section 19 rule of 1 regarding masonic trials and sentened to be imprisoned in the common jail at Sudbury for sixteen days with hard labor.

A charge of unmasonic conduct was subsequently made against him, which was charge was duly received, a committee of three appointed by the W.M. to take the evidence and report to the lodge.

He was subsequently placed on trial by his lodge, found guilty, suspended and recommended for expulsion.

The committee concur in the finding of the lodge and recommend that he be summoned to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled and in the meantime his suspension be continued.

(19) General Mercer Lodge No. 548, vs. Bro. Paul E. Cleal

The facts in this cases are set out in the report of the joint Committee of the Committee on Constitution and Laws and the Committee on Grievances and Appeals in the 1927 proceedings at pages 333, 334 and 335.

Bro. Cleal was suspended by Most W. Bro. John A. Rowland on the 16th March, 1927 and is now under suspension.

He has written the Grand Secretary a letter which is in the hands of the committee in which he says the offence will not be repeated and that he heartily regrets the trouble it has caused the General Mercer Lodge and Grand Lodge and expresses the hope that he may sometime be restored to membership.

The committee have also before them the following petition from General Mercer Lodge:—

"We, on behalf of the officers and members of the General Mercer Lodge, No. 548, G.R.C., respectfully ask you to kindly place before the proper committee at or prior to the meeting of Grand Lodge at its next regular Communication in July, for their kind consideration, the following resolution, which was made at a well attended regular meeting April, 1928, and passed in accordance with Section No. 63, respecting trials, and all as per notice of motion regularly given at the meeting of our Lodge Friday March 9th appearing in proper form on the summons sent to all our brethren:—

"Moved by Bro. R. B. Clarke and seconded by Bro. T. H. Wynn (Senior and Junior Wardens): That the General Mercer Lodge affirm its confidence in Bro. Paul E. Cleal, and petition Grand Lodge at its next regular convocation, to raise the suspension on the said Bro. Paul E. Cleal, at the earliest time consistent with justice and mercy. You, no doubt, have all the facts of this case, at hand, and we assure you that a favorable consideration of same will be received with sincere appreciation by the members of the General Mercer Lodge.

Thanking you in advance for your usual kind attention,

We remain,

On behalf of the General Mercer Lodge No. 548, G.R.C.

Ever yours fraternally,

J. H. ATKINS, Worshipful Master.
C. H. DEARDEN, Secretary.

The Committee feel that Bro. Cleal has been sufficiently punished for the offence committed and recommend that his suspension be removed.

(20) Kent Lodge No. 274, Blenheim vs. Bro. Edward L. Pepper

This brother is charged with unmasonic conduct and fraud as follows:—

Specification, 1. That throughout his term of residence in Blenheim and vicinity from July 1925 to May 21st, 1927 he has been in the courts at least three times for drunkenness and disorderly conduct and that he is an habitual drunkard and non-trustworthy.

Specification 2. That during this time he has defrauded masons in business and other citizens by obtaining goods under false pretences which were used in business and in many instances purchasing other goods for which apparently he has no intention of paying.

This brother is described in the charge as filed with the lodge as formerly of King Solomon's Lodge, No. 378, London, Ontario, from which he was suspended, now of Kent Lodge, Blenheim.

The portions of the proceedings at the trial which are before the committee show that a committee read a report on the case and that on a ballot being taken Bro. Pepper was found guilty of the charges preferred against him. The ballot was taken as to whether he was to be suspended or suspended indefinitely the ballot standing 29 for suspension indefinitely and one for reprimand and that a ballot was passed as to whether Grand Lodge be asked to expel the Brother, the result being 27 for expulsion and three against.

There is nothing before the committee as to what evidence was submitted, merely the names of those who gave evidence being shown.

There are some letters produced giving the opinion of various persons as to this brother, but the rules governing masonic trials, so far as the taking of evidence is concerned, have not been complied with.

Specification No. 1 would appear to contain a charge involving a violation of subsections 17 and 18 of rule one and specification 2 would appear to be a matter for civil action rather than a subject for a masonic trial.

The committee recommend that the matter be referred back to Blenheim Lodge to have the evidence taken and the trial conducted in accordance with the rules laid down in the constitution.

The lodge should also investigate the question of how Bro. Pepper became a member of Kent Lodge while he was a suspended member of King Solomon's Lodge No. 378.

(21) Tuscan Lodge No. 541, Toronto vs. Bro. Arthur Snedden.

This brother is charged on five counts of unmasonic conduct involving a violation of section 19 of rule 1.

The M.W. the Grand Master suspended the brother and appointed R.W. Brothers John D. Spence, H. J. Alexander and W. E. Hopkings a commission to try the brother.

He was tried by the commission and recommended for expulsion.

The committee concur in the finding of the commission and they, therefore, recommend that his suspension be continued and that the brother be notified to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled and that in the meantime his suspension be continued.

(22) Patricia Lodge No. 587 Toronto vs. Bro. N. J. Bray.

This brother was charged before J. E. Jones, a police magistrate for the City of Toronto, on a charge of stealing $68,999.14, the property of the Standard Bank of Canada, contrary to the Criminal Code, and convicted on the 27th of March and sentenced to imprisonment in the Kingston Penitentiary for four years.

A charge of unmasonic conduct wa s subsequently made against him, which charge was duly received by the lodge.

He was subsequently placed on trial, a brother appointed to act for him in his absence, found guilty and recommended for expulsion.

The committee concur in the finding of the lodge and recommend that he be summoned to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled and that in the meantime his suspension be continued.

(23) Rideau Lodge No. 460, Seeley's Bay.

This is an application to be relieved from payment of the usual $20.00 to legalize the conferring of the 3rd degree on the 8th of June 1927, one day within the prescribed time.

The Secretary of the lodge in a mild way attempts to put the responsibility on the D.D.G.M. because he asked the lodge to hold an emergent meeting to suit his convenience in visiting Rideau Lodge and Newboro Lodge on the one trip and asks the question "Why did our D.D.G.M. allow this degree to proceed?"

The D.D.G.M. corroborates the secretary as to his request for an emergent meeting and states he asked all lodges to confer some degree on the night of his official visit and as they had only one candidate who had not received his degrees they conferred the 3rd degree not noticing at the time that it was conferred one day within the prescribed time.

The lodge, of course, could have exemplified a degree on any brother who had already had that degree conferred upon him, in order to meet the wishes of the D.D.G.M.

The D.D.G.M. states he feels Grand Lodge should under the circumstances remit the fine.

The committee sympathize with this lodge who are evidently not strong financially but it is the Grand Secretary's duty to uphold the provisions of the constitution and the committee recommend that his decision be sustained.

(24) Sunnyside Lodge No. 582, Toronto.

This is an application to be relieved from payment of $40. to legalize the advancement of two candidates within the prescribed time, the candidates having been passed on the 1st of December and raised on the 28th of December.

The Secretary writes "We wish to emphasize that the error did not originate through carelessness as we believe that anyone on examining the date of passing and raising, namely December 1st, and December 28th, would not readily detect the difference of one day.

It is submitted, however, that it would be hard to select two dates where the mistake would be so easily detected if ordinary care had been exercised.

The Grand Secretary has no alternative but to enforce the provisions of the constitution.

The committee, however, recommend that the violation be treated as one offence and that $20. be accepted in full.

In making the recommendation, however the Committee desire to emphasize the note of warning sounded in the report

of 1927 and to point out that little leniency will be shown where infractions of Sect. 25-9 of the constitution occur hereafter.

(25) Acacia Lodge No. 61, Hamilton, vs. Bro. George Awrey

This brother pleaded guilty before Wm. Brandon, Esq., Deputy Judge of the City of Hamilton, in the month of May, 1927, to the charge of converting to his own use certain sums of money and was sentenced to imprisonment in the Ontario Reformatory for not less than three months nor more than twelve months to date from May 5th, 1927.

A charge of unmasonic conduct was preferred against him by a member of his lodge. He was subsequently placed on trial, found guilty, and indefinitely suspended.

The committee concur in the finding of the lodge as to the guilt of the brother but are of the opinion that he should be expelled from the Craft and recommend that he be notified to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled and that in the meantime his suspension be continued.

(26) Sunnyside Lodge No. 582, Toronto, vs Bro. Earl J. Wilson

This brother is charged with having been convicted by his Honor Judge Coatsworth on a charge of bigamy and sentenced to a term of imprisonment.

A charge of unmasonic conduct was laid against him by a member of his lodge. He was subsequently placed on trial, found guilty, suspended and recommended for expulsion.

There does not however appear to have been the necessary evidence produced against him, in accordance with the rules laid down by the constitution.

What purports to be a copy of the conviction by the Court is produced but it is not certified to.

The committee recommend that the matter be referred back to Sunnyside Lodge for retrial.

Fraternally submitted,

ALEX. COWAN,
Chairman.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Bro. Alex. Cowan and resolved: That the report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD

The report of the Committee on the Fraternal Dead was presented by R.W. Bro. F. A. Copus, as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Fraternal Dead, beg leave to report as follows:

Once again the ever-rolling stream of time brings this Grand Lodge to that hour consecrated by long usage when we pause for a little while to remember those of our brethren who, with us in the flesh just one brief year ago, have set out upon the great adventure since last we met. Again and yet again during the past twelvemonth the iron door of death has opened to admit those of the household of the faithful whose work on earth has ended; the empty chairs speak to us of many loved long since and now lost awhile; the gaps are all about us.

While we hasten to close our ranks and to press forward in the important tasks that lie before us, it is but natural that we should ask —"Watchman, what of the night when the arrow of death is sped?"

"Give me the wings of faith to rise
Within the veil and see
The saints above, how great their joys,
How bright their glories be."

A universal and very human prayer For thus it is that the most heartfelt of our aspirations is set over against life's greatest mystery. We shall go to them but they shall not return to us. The iron door between them and us remains impenetrable.

"Beyond the threshold of the door
I could not see: I only knew
That those who had been standing, waiting there,
Were passing through:
And while it was not given me to know
Whither their journey led, I had caught the sense
Of life with high auroras and the flow
Of wide majestic spaces;
Of light abundant, and of keen impassioned faces,
Transfigured underneath its vivid glow."

Surely it is but natural that our frail humanity should mourn the passing of those we know so well, but surely too we mourn not as those without hope. And at these times when the shadows of the evening lie across our skies it is for us to cherish the thought that out of each night fresh dawns arise; that God is merciful and compassionate; and that those who have gone before are with Him. For us then should it not suffice to say—

"If there be God and heaven, I would not lift
A futile hand to push aside the bars
That guard their mystery. But I would live
With eyes upon the everlasting stars
In deep humility; and strive and strive—
And leave the rest to God."

Over the tomb of Sir Christopher Wren in St. Paul's Cathedral is carved the inscription "*Si monumentum quaeris, circumspice*"—if you seek his monument look around you. And what better epitaph could be found for those of our brethren who have departed? For the history of almost all of them will show that the building of our Masonic structure was their chief aim, that Masonry and all that it stands for was nearest to their hearts, and that to it they devoted year after year their strength, their skill, their highest efforts.

It has been well said that Masonry to-day is what it is because of the self-sacrifice and devotion of the elder brethren. And it is surely true that if we have a high conception of the Craft, if Masonry comes well prepared to the tasks that confront her in these later days, it is because we have sat at the feet of an older generation who placed the fraternity in the forefront of their lives. From failing hands they pass the torch to us. God grant we may prove worthy of the trust.

"Build that these walls to future generations
Your strength, your skill, your faithfulness may tell,
That all may say as storms and centuries test them
'The men of old build well, built well'.

"Thus ever speaks the Master Builder to us
Whate'er our task, our journey, work may be—
Whate'er the toil, the season or the structure
'Build well, build well, build worthily'."

The following are the names of past and present Grand Lodge officers whose deaths are noted on our records as having occurred during the past year:

M.W. Bro. S.Y. Taylor, P.D.D.G.M. and P.G.M. of G.L. of Alberta.

R.W. Bro. Geo. J. Bennett, P.D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. W. G. Blackwell, P.D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. E. B. Butterworth, P.D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. J. M. Conway, P.D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. D. D. Ellis, P.D.D.G.M. (G.R. Sask.)
R.W. Bro. W. W. Fitzgerald, P.D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Jas. Glanville, P.D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. J. A. Grobb, P.G.S.W.
R.W. Bro. R. H. Hanes, P.D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. F. Hills, P.D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Wm. Hyndman, P.D.D G.M.
R.W. Bro. H. J. Johnston, P.D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. M. S. Keller, P.D.D.G.M.

R.W. Bro. S. S. Lazier, P.D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. J. O. McGregor, P.D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. H. A. Nicholls, P.D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Wm. Northwood, P.D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. S. F. Passmore, P.G.S.W.
R.W. Bro. R. J. Shier, P.D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. H. G. Stafford, P.D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. John Watson, P.D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Jas. Waugh, P.D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. J. P. Whitehead, P.D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. M. Wilbee, P.G.J.W.
V.W. Bro. Wm. Ballantyne, P.G.D.C.
V.W. Bro. Arthur Barbour, P.G. Steward.
V.W. Bro. Thos. H. Bell, P.G. Steward.
V.W. Bro. John Billinghurst, P.G. Steward
V.W. Bro. C. A. Boehm, P.G. Std. Bearer.
V.W. Bro. G. S. Brown, P.G. Std. Bearer.
V.W. Bro. G. K. Clemens, P.G. Steward.
V.W. Bro. B. P. Corey, P.A.G. Organist.
V.W. Bro. A. E. Covell, P.G. Steward.
V.W. Bro. J. A. Cowan, P.G. Std. Bearer.
V.W. Bro. J. C. Davidson, P.G. Steward.
V.W. Bro. W. S. Davidson, P.G. Std. Bearer
V.W. Bro. Walter Drew, P.G. Steward.
V.W. Bro. J. B. Ferguson, P.G. Steward.
V.W. Bro. A. E. Hagerman, P.G.S.D.
V.W. Bro. A. R. Hargrave, P.G. Steward.
V.W. Bro. A. G. Horwood, P.A.G.D.C.
V.W. Bro. Elijah Miller, P.G. Steward.
V.W. Bro. James Old, P.G. Steward.
V.W. Bro. John Senn, P.G. Steward.
V.W. Bro. John Tyner, P.G. Steward.

M.W. Bro. Stephen Young Taylor.

A shining mark in western Masonry and one well known to many in the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario passed away on March 28th, in the

person of M.W. Bro. Stephen Young Taylor, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. For over ten years he was Grand Secretary in that jurisdiction, a position which he filled with energy and distinction.

Most Worshipful Bro. Taylor was a native of Ontario. Born at Belgrave in the County of Huron in 1866, he was educated in the public schools of his native township of Wawanosh and in Clinton Collegiate Institute, following which he graduated from the Toronto Normal School and entered the teaching profession. He held several positions, including the principalship of the public schools in Brussels, Wroxeter and Paris, Ontario. In 1906 he removed to Calgary, Alberta, and taught in several chools in that city. In 1917 he was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, which office he held continuously until his death. Thus for the greater portion of thirty years he exercised a wide influence on the youth of our country, and many worthy tributes to his sterling qualities as an educationist have been paid by grateful parents, both in Ontario and in Alberta.

Stephen Young Taylor was made a Mason in 1889 in St. John's Lodge, No. 284, at Brussels, Ontario. Later he affiliated with Forest Lodge No. 162, at Wroxeter, and later still affiliated with St. John's Lodge, No. 82, at Paris, retaining his membership therein until his death. He was Master of St. John's Lodge at Paris in 1901-1902 and in 1904 was elected District Deputy Grand Master of Wilson District of the Grand Lodge of Canada. In 1907 he affiliated with Ashlar Lodge, No. 28, Grand Lodge of Alberta and continued a member of that lodge until his death. In 1912 he was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, and was successively elected to the offices of Senior Grand Warden, Deputy Grand Master and finally Grand Master in June, 1915. He was the first Grand Master to visit officially the lodges located in that far northern portion of the province known as the Peace River District. In 1916 he was elected Grand Treasurer, and in 1917 commenced his long service as Grand Secretary.

In concluding, we perhaps cannot do better than quote the appreciation of Most Worshipful Brother Taylor made by Bro. Rev. George A. Dickson in closing the funeral services of our late brother when he stated, "For twenty-two years it has been our privilege to enjoy the presence of the late Bro. Taylor, and through out that time he bore without abuse the grand old name of gentleman. His life of usefulness has been directed along three main avenues, educational, humanitarian and religious. Throughout the city and the province there are many who have reason to be grateful for his helping hand. Possibly it was such high and admirable qualities in his life that commended him to his brethren in Masonic circles, and which resulted in his being offered the highest duties and honors in Masonry."

R.W. Bro. George J. Bennett

R.W. Bro. Geo. J. Bennett, who died September 15th, 1927, after an illness of twelve years, was Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada for sixteen years, retiring from office owing to illness in 1915. He was born in Ireland in 1850, received the craft degrees of Masonry in that country in 1870, and was exalted a Royal Arch Mason under the English Constitution. Arriving in Toronto in 1879, he affiliated with Alpha Lodge, No. 384, and became its Worshipful Master in 1883. He was also in 1893 Worshipful Master of Zeta Lodge, No. 410, in the same city, subsequently affiliating with Ionic Lodge No. 25. In 1886 he was elected Grand Registrar of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and in 1890-1 was chosen District Deputy Grand Master of Toronto District. In Capitular Masonry he was First Principal of Antiquity Chapter, No. 91, Toronto, in 1885, and also First Principal of Tuscan Chapter, No. 95, Brampton, in 1891. He was elected Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Canada in 1899. In the Cryptic Rite he filled, during its activity in Ontario, most of the offices in the Grand Council and became Most Illustrious Grand Master. In the Templar body he was a Past Grand Registrar of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite,

having the 32°. For nearly twenty-five years he was connected with The Evening Telegram of Toronto in an editorial capacity. Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Chapter of Canada for a long period, his work was looked upon as ranking among the finest in that field of Masonic labor.

R.W. Bro. Frank Hills

Terminating a life's work whose benefit to the community it is difficult to estimate, R.W. Bro. Frank Hills, prominent Mason and public-spirited citizen of Hamilton, passed away on Sunday, October 23rd, 1927. His death was quite unexpected, as apparently he was in the best of health, and on the Friday evening preceding had attended his mother lodge, Strict Observance, when he delivered the lecture on the corner stone to the son of one of his neighbors.

Bro. Hills was born in the county of Kent, England, sixty-three years ago, and received his early training in what became his life's work, in the capacity of governor of Dr. Stephenson's Children's Home in England. In 1894 he went to Hamilton as governor of the institution by the same name, which later became known as the National Children's Home and Orphanage. The home has carried on its worthy work under his able direction ever since. It is impossible to appraise adequately Bro. Hills' services in this capacity, for his interest was not confined to the institution itself, but continued to evince itself in the careers of the boys placed under his guidance after they left the home. He saw that they were placed in suitable positions, and followed their careers through to manhood, assuring, by the influence of his personality and the benefit of his years of experience, that they should become assets to the community instead of liabilities.

Bro. Hills formed his asociation with Masonry shortly after coming to this country and was initiated into Lodge of Strict Observance, No. 27, Hamilton, in 1894. In 1904 he became Master of that lodge. He

was a life member of six craft lodges, Temple lodge, Bo. 324; Electric Lodge No. 495; Tuscan Lodge, No. 551; Hamilton Lodge No. 562; St. Andrew's, No. 593. and Hugh Murray, No. 602. In 1922 he was honored with the office of District Deputy Grand Master, Hamilton District No. 8. Bro. Hills was also Grand Representative for the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire near the Grand Lodge of Canada. He was Treasurer of Tuscan Lodge and an honorary member of Corinthian Lodge, No. 513. He was also a member of Hiram and Keystone Chapters, Royal Arch Masons, Past Grand Superintendent Royal Arch Masons and Past President of the Past Master's Association of Hamilton District. He was a 32° member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. He was a member of Centenary United Church, and formerly a valued member of the Hamilton Board of Education. In 1904 Mr. Hills was elected to the Barton Council and served as councillor for four years. In 1908 and 1909 he was Deputy Reeve. Bro. Hills gave valuable service to his fellow-citizens in these offices.

R.W. Bro. Henry James Johnston

On September 7th last R.W. Bro. Henry James Johnston, of St. Catharines, passed away and thereby Niagara District lost one of its outstanding Masons. Born and educated in St. Catharines, he commenced his business career there. Subsequently he became joint lessor along with brother and one other man of the old steamer Lakeside, running to Toronto. This lasted for five years, after which he was appointed Deputy Excise Officer of the Inland Revenue Department, which position he held until his death. Bro. Johnston was made a Mason in Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 103, St. Catharines, in 1884. He was Master of the lodge for two years 1890 and 1891. In 1899 he was elected Secretary of the lodge, and continued to serve in that capacity throughout his life. Prior to that appointment, in 1894, he was elected District Deputy Grand Master of Niagara District. An ardent lover of home life, he had but two hobbies, Masonry and bowling. He was greatly beloved by many in the community where his life was passed, and

his family have the consolation of knowing that his most outstanding monument is to be found in the hearts of those who called him friend.

R.W. Bro. William Northwood

On March 1st last one of the real pillars of Masonry in Ottawa was removed when R.W. Bro. W.M. Northwood passed away. Born in England in 1844, he came to Ottawa, in 1868. There he had resided ever since, greatly respected in the business world for his sterling honesty and devotion to duty. While he was associated with various national, fraternal and charitable organizations, he was best known as a member of the Masonic order.

R.W. Bro. Northwood was a member of the Craft for fifty-seven years, having been initiated into Corinthian Lodge No. 59, in 1871. When Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371, was instituted in 1879, he was one of the charter members, and his death has removed the last of the original members of that lodge. His heart was in the work of the fraternity, and he was accorded all the honors the lodges could bestow, being a Past District Deputy Grand Master of Ottawa District.

It may truly be aid that he rendered a great service to Masonry in Ottawa. His zeal and untiring energy and his forceful, convincing addresses before he lodges of that city had much to do with the formation of the Company and the building of the Masonic Temple there. He had been a director of the Company ever since it was organized, and was president for a number of years. He loved Masonry and practised its great principles in his daily life. Ever affable and loving, he was at all times ready and willing to give counsel and help to all in need, yet he was a man of strong convictions, which he did not hesitate to make known when occasion arose. Advancing years did not lessen his enthusiasm for Masonry, and his last public appearance was on January 27th, when he installed the officers of Prince of Wales Lodge, delivering the charges in his accustomed impressive manner.

R.W. Bro. Samuel F. Passmore

A life of quiet, useful service to his native city, was terminated on September 29th, when R.W. Bro. Samuel F. Passmore, of Brantford, died in a few hours after being struck by a motor car while on his way to the Masonic Club. Born in Brantford in 1856, the whole of his life, with the exception of a few years, was spent in that city. Graduating from Toronto University in 1881 and receiving his M.A. in 1883, he was appointed principal of St. Francis' College at Richmond, Quebec. Two years later he accepted a position on the staff of Brantford Collegiate Institute in order to be near his aged father, and for thirty-seven years thereafter he was specialist in Classics at that school. During this long period of service he was much beloved by successive generations of students for his kindly, genial disposition. In the year following the death of his wife in 1921 he gave up teaching and spent the evening of his life in retirement, honored, respected and loved by his fellow citizens. R.W. Bro. Passmore was a lover of music, being President of the Brantford Oratorio Society. He was the organizer of the old Collegiate Glee Club. For a number of years he was a member of Park Baptist Choir, taking a deep interest in matters pertaining to that church. He was also one of the founders of the Brantford Historical Society, much of the success of that organization being due to his enthusiasm and untiring efforts. It was, however, as a Mason that those characteristics that endeared him to all were seen at their best. He was a member of Brant lodge for many years, serving as Master in 1892. He was elected as Grand Senior Warden of Grand Lodge in 1897. His was a familiar face in the four Masonic lodges of Brantford, and his passing was a distinct loss to Masonry in that city.

R.W. Bro. John A. Watson

R.W. Bro. John A. Watson, for many years a prominent figure in the Masonic life of North Huron District, passed away on Sunday, April 1, and in his death the town of Listowel was bereft of one who had served it long and well. For eleven years he had

occupied the Mayor's chair, and for fifteen years served as member of the Council. Born in Mornington Township in 1853, he went to Listowel in early childhood and had resided there ever since. Despite the business activities of his long life, he not only devoted an immense amount of time to municipal affairs, but also associated himself with many organizations of a semi-public nature. The Agricultural Society, the Chamber of Commerce, the Listowel Driving Park Association, the Public Utilities Commission, the Listowel Memorial Hospital, the Listowel Brass Band, all claimed his attention, and to them he devoted much of his time and effort to the undoubted advantage of each of those bodies. For forty-three years he was a member of Bernard Lodge, No. 225, of which he was a Past Master. He was also a Past First Principal of Bernard Chapter, R.A.M., a member of St. Elmo Preceptory, Stratford, and of Mocha Temple, London. For a year he served acceptably as District Deputy Grand Master of North Huron District, his face being familiar in the Craft meetings throughout that portion of the jurisdiction. His death marked the close of a career of undoubted usefulness, both to the fraternity and to the community in which he had spent so many years.

R.W. Bro. Joseph Conway

Very suddenly death came to R.W. Bro. Joseph Conway, of Aylmer, on the evening of December 5th. He was driving on a country road when suddenly he swerved the car to one side, pressed on the brake and fell forward over the steering wheel dead. To all appearances he had been in the best of health, having returned from a hunting trip to the north only a few weeks before. On November 21st he had celebrated his golden wedding anniversary. Joseph Matthew Conway was born in the township of Warwick, near Watford, in 1855. His father had settled there when the country was unbroken bush, and when a boy our late brother became familiar with all the difficulties of a pioneer life. He was one of a family of fifteen children, of whom ten survive. He was passionately fond of hunting and fishing, being one of the best rifle shots in the district. He operated a fishery at Port Alma for

many years. He was a Past Master of McColl Lodge, West Lorne, a member of Lorne Chapter, R.A.M., and a 32° Scottish Rite Mason. He was District Deputy Grand Master of Erie District in 1917.

R.W. Bro. William Hyndman

Born in Scotland in 1861, the late R.W. Bro. William Hyndman came to Canada as a child and resided in Palmerston until 1894, when he entered the employ of the C.P.R. and moved to Smith's Falls, where he lived until 1919, when he went to Toronto to reside. He was initiated in Blair Lodge, No. 314, at Palmerston, but took a particularly active part in Masonry at both Smith's Falls and in Toronto. He was a Past Master of St. Francis' Lodge, No. 24, at Smith's Falls, and was elected District Deputy Grand Master of St. Lawrence District for the year 1912-13. On moving to Toronto he affiliated with Oakwood Lodge No. 553. He was also a charter member of Glenville Lodge, No. 629. He served as Secretary of both Oakwood and Grenville Lodges. He was also Scribe E. of Oakwood Chapter, No. 233, R.A.M. An active church member, he was also for many years connected with children's welfare work in the eastern part of the province.

R.W. Bro. H. A. Nicholls

A prominent resident of the County of York died on January 4th in the person of R.W. Bro. H. A. Nicholls, of Richmond Hill. Passing away in his sixty-ninth year, the whole of his long and useful career was spent in the County of York, where, after a few years spent in teaching, he conducted a real estate and insurance business at Richmond Hill. He was a pillar of Richmond Lodge, No. 23, at Richmond Hill, being a Past Master of the Lodge, which he served as Secretary for thirty years. He was a life member of York Chapter, R.A.M., also of Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory, No. 2, K.T., and of Rameses Temple of the Shrine. He was singularly honored by his fraternal associates on many occasions, serving with distinction as D.D.G.M. of Toronto East District 11A in 1903-4. In the Anglican Church, the Masonic Lodge, the Agri-

cultural Society, as a member of the Village Council and the Board of Education, he was an able worker, always willing to do even more than his share in any endeavor which he considered for the betterment of the community. In his death Richmond Hill and the County of York has lost a useful and outstanding citizen.

R.W. Bro. W. W. Fitzgerald

In the passing of R.W. Bro. W. W. Fitzgerald, of Wellington, on April 5th, Prince Edward District lost a Past District Deputy Grand Master, who was well known to all members of the fraternity in that vicinity. He Was a Past Master of Star-in-the-East Lodge, No. 164, Wellington, serving his lodge with rare distinction. The funeral was largely attended by prominent Masons from Belleville, Trenton, Brighton and Picton. Aged sixty-seven years at the time of his death, he had pursued an active business career for many years, conducting extensive building operations in Wellington and the surrounding countryside. In his death the family has lost a kind husband and father, the lodge a most worthy brother, and the community an estimable citizen.

R.W. Bro. J. O. McGregor

The death on April 23rd, at Waterdown, of R.W. Bro. J. O. McGregor removed one of the oldest and most respected members of Waterdown Lodge No. 357, and one whose Masonic career was most closely associated with the life of that lodge. His application for initiation was the first received when that lodge was instituted in March of 1877. Three years later he was made Master of the lodge, an honor that he again received in 1886. He was unanimously chosen as D.D G.M. of Hamilton District in 1906, filling the office with ability and distinction. When Waterdown Lodge celebrated its fiftieth anniversary in 1927, R.W. Bro. McGregor occupied the Master's chair, a particularly arduous task for one who had rounded out a Masonic career of fifty years. His last visit to the lodge was on Past Master's Night in October of last year, when he helped confer the first degree on this own son. R.W. Bro. McGregor was also associated with Scottish Rite Masonry. Distinguished as was his career as a

Mason, he was best known throughout the whole countryside as a physician, his death terminating a life in which the highest ideals of the medical profession were consistently and faithfully exemplified. For more than half a century his skill as a physician and his staunchness as a friend were a tradition in and about Waterdown for many miles. He was at its best the type of the ideal family practitioner, and in him flowered abundantly those virtues of helpfulness, kindliness and tolerance which endeared him to all who knew him. To the sick he was much more than a physician—he was a friend, and to his fellow practitioners his long and honorable life and his high ethical sense were a constant inspiration and source of pride. Despite the demands of his extensive practice, Dr. McGregor found time to serve his community in many ways, for he was always in the forefront of any project for civic betterment. For sixteen consecutive years he represented the village of Waterdown in the County Council, and for two years was Warden of the County of Wentworth.

R.W. Bro. Enoch B. Butterworth

On April 28th there passed away one of the outstanding Masons of Ottawa in the person of R.W. Bro. Enoch Bruce Butterworth. Born in Nova Scotia in 1846, his family took up residence in Ottawa in 1857, and it was there that he spent the balance of his life. From an early age he displayed marked business ability, and in 1874, in company with his two brothers, opened a hardware store. The business grew to large proportions, and a stove and furnace foundry was ultimately added. The subject of this sketch withdrew from active commercial life about fifteen years ago. Bro. Butterworth took a keen interest in municipal affairs and was an alderman of the city for four or five years.

His record in fraternal circles was unique. He was initiatied in The Builders' Lodge of Ottawa in June, 1867—one month prior to Confederation—when twenty-one years of age, and thus had a record of sixty-one years as a Mason. He was Master of his

lodge from 1873-5, and in 1925 he received the commemorative medal awarded by Grand Lodge for Past Masters of fifty years' standing. He was District Deputy Grand Master of Ottawa District in 1882. He was First Principal in Carleton Royal Arch Chapter in 1878, and was Grand Superintendent in 1893. He was also a member of Ottawa R.A. Chapter. He was a charter member of Ottawa Preceptory. He was also a Mystic Shriner, belonging to Mecca Temple, New York City.

While active in all Masonic bodies, his chief concern was the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. When this branch of Masonry was established in Ottawa in 1889 Brother Butterworth was the only 32° Mason in the vicinity, and it was largely through his exertions that a start was made. He took a deep interest in all its affairs, was a regular attendant at all the meetings, and participated in the work up to the last. He saw the order grow from a small beginning to an influential body, and the success of the Rite in the Ottawa Valley must be attributed to his zeal, perseverance and ability. He presided over the Lodge of Perfection from 1889 to 1893, and the Rose Croix Chapter from 1894 to 1897, and belonged to Moore Consistory. He received the honorary 33rd degree in 1890, and was crowned an Active Member of the Supreme Council in 1895. He was an officer of Supreme Council for over twenty years, and rarely missed a meeting of that body.

Bro. Butterworth was also a valued member of the Royal Order of Scotland. In addition he was an active Oddfellow, having been Grand Master for Ontario. An Anglican in religion, he attended Christ Church Cathedral and was an office-holder in his younger day.

The esteem and respect of his fellow citizens were his to a marked degree, and his passing leaves a wide gap in Ottawa Masonry, one which it will be difficult to fill. His memory will long be cherished by those who knew him for his many virtues, exemplary conduct and his interest in all Masonic matters.

R.W. Bro. James Glanville

After a long period of failing health, R.W. Bro. James Glanville, of Toronto, passed away on May 17th. Our late brother had been connected for nearly forty-six years with the firm of John Macdonald & Company, holding the position of Secretary-Treasurer at the time of its dissolution. Appointed one of the executors of Mr. Macdonald's will, and also a trustee of the estate, one of the saddest things James Glanville had to do in this latter capacity was to approve of the sale of the John Macdonald business, and thereby cause a large number of faithful employees and old friends to lose their employment. Many times he spoke of the position he was compelled to take. Though urged by his physician and friends to rest, he persisted with wonderful determination to be faithful to that which he felt was his duty before all else, the settlement of the estate of his life-long associate and business chief. On the completion of this work, Brother Glanville's bodily strength gradually failed, but his wonderful mind was clear and active to the last.

Brother Glanville was initiated into Freemasonry at the age of 23, in the year 1883, becoming a member of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16. He served as Worshipful Master of this lodge during 1889. In the year 1898 he was chosen to be District Deputy Grand Master of Toronto District No. 11A. He joined the Royal Arch Chapter of St. Andrew and St. John, No. 4, in 1884, becoming First Principal of this Chapter in 1896. Most Excellent Companion Fred W. Harcort appointed him Grand Senior Sojourner in 1911. About the year 1905 he affiliated with the St. Patrick Chapter. Bro. Glanville was at one time an active Knight Templar, becoming an officer of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.

It was, however, in Socttish Rite Masonry that he was most active, and for many years his services were in constant demand in that body, where he was soon recognized as one of the outstanding ritualists. After proving a tower of strength in ritualistic and executive

work, being one of the main sources of strength in the Toronto bodies of the Rite, he was advanced to the 33° Honorary in 1898, and crowned an Active Member in 1910.

In his younger days he was an enthusiastic lacrosse player, being a member of the Toronto Lacrosse Club in the days of Ross Mackenzie and that galaxy of lacrosse stars whose names are yet familiar to followers of the game.

R.W. Bro. M. S. Keller

On June 16th, 1928, death removed one of the outstanding members of Caledonian Lodge, No. 249, at Midland, in the person of R.W. Bro. Manuel Seymour Keller. Born at Zephyr, Ontario, in 1879, he was made a Mason in Sharon Lodge in 1900. About twenty-five years ago he removed to Midland, and from his arrival there he always took an active interest in Masonry. Affiliating with Caledonian Lodge in 1905, he was advanced through the chairs until in 1912 he was elected Worshipful Master.

Having attained all the honors which Caledonian Lodge could bestow upon him, Worshipful Brother Keller continued to take a deep interest in the work of the Craft, not only in his own lodge but throughout the district. Grand Lodge recognized this interest by appointing him Grand Steward in 1913; in 1921 he was elected District Deputy Grand Master of Georgian District No. 9. Bro. Keller was warmly interested also in Capitular Masonry and in the various degrees of the Scottish Rite. He was honored by the Supreme Council of the latter body by being given the honorary 33rd degree. Throughout his career as a Mason Bro. Keller's heart was always towards the advancement of the Craft. He was a good Mason, a good husband and a good father, and in his death Midland Masonry has sustained a real loss.

R.W. Bro. Reuben H. Hanes

On May 28th there passed away one of the most widely-known and highly-respected Masons of Eastern Ontario in the person of R.W. Bro. Reuben H. Hanes, of Aultsville. Born in that village in 1858, he spent a long and useful life there, having held practically every office in the gift of the vicinity. He was Postmaster at Aultsville for sixteen years, and served as a school trustee on many different occasions, and was a member of the School Board at the time of his death. In church work also he was prominent, being one of the first elders of Trinity United Church. Our deceased brother had been a member of Farrans Point Lodge, No. 256, for forty-five years, and held the position of Secretary for over thirty years. He gave to his lodge work the same painstaking thoroughness that characterized his activities in other lines. He was Master of the lodge for the years 1889, 1891 and 1892. He was honored with election as first District Deputy Grnad Master of Eastern District when that district was formed in 1904. As a Mason, Brother Hanes had the unique distinction of having initiated his four sons into Masonry, his younger son, Claude, being at present Worshipful Master of Farrans Point Lodge. Deceased was a former member and Past Principal of Cornwall Chapter, R.A.M., and was also a member of the Preceptory.

R.W. Bro. S. S. Lazier

On July 4, 1928, the death took place at Belleville of one of Eastern Ontario's most prominent Masons in the person of R.W. Bro. Lt.-Col. Samuel Shaw Lazier who passed away in his 88th year. A veteran of the Fenian Raid a life-long member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, the oldest Local Master in Ontario, and the holder of numerous honors in Freemasonry his demise will be mourned by many friends throughout the whole province.

The late Samuel Shaw Lazier, Honorary Colonel Argyll Light Infantry, Master-in-Chancery and Deputy Judge, was born in the County of Hastings in

1840. He received his education at Victoria University College, studied law under his brother, the late Judge, and was called to the Bar in 1864. Practising in Belleville for ten years, he received in 1874 the appointments of Master-in-Chancery and Deputy Registrar for the counties of Hastings, Prince Edward, Lennox and Addington. After some years he relinquished the Deputy Registrarship, but retained the office of Master-in-Chancery for Belleville and Napanee. This appointment prevented his standing for Parliament when nominated as the Liberal-Conservative candidate for the riding of East Hastings. On occasions he has had the honor of being appointed and of acting as Deputy Judge for the County.

Although the duties of his office taxed his energies to the utmost, he managed to devote a great deal of his time to two hobbies: the Military and Freemasonry. In 1855 he was gazetted ensign in the 15th Argyll Light Infantry. In 1866 he obtained his captaincy while on active serve with his regiment at Prescott, where he saw service against the Fenians. He was gazetted Major in 1871 and Lieutenant-Colonel in 1876, and from then until 1895, when he retired retaining his rank, he commanded his regiment to the credit of the city and the force.

He was Chairman of the Board of Managers of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church from the time "whence the memory of man runneth not to the contrary."

Colonel Lazier's career in Freemasonry has been as distinguished as his military. He joined Moira Lodge No. 11, G.R.C., in 1864; Moira Chapter (Royal Arch), in 1870; King Baldwin Preceptory, Knights Templar, in 1873; was Master of Moira, Eureka and Quinte Lodges for some ten years; District Deputy Grand Master of the Prince Edward District for 1874 and 1875; Provincial Prior of Knights Templar for the Kingston District for 1883 and 1884, and Eminent Preceptor of King Baldwin Preceptory for many years. He received the 33rd degree of the Cerneau Rite in 1882, and was a member of Rameses Shrine. The brethren everywhere delighted to honor him on every possible opportunity.

R.W. Bro. R. J. Shier

Toronto District B. received a shock when the death of R.W. Bro. R. J. Shier was announced on Feb. 6th, 1928. R.W. Bro. Shier was initiated into King Edward Lodge, Sunderland in 1904, and became ruling Master in June, 1910. In 1922 he became a member of the Scottish Rite Lodge of Perfection at Barrie, Ont. He was honored by election to the posiposition which he filled with distinction to himself and service to the Craft. He was a man who held before himself high ideals and zealously sought to reach them. His genial disposition and kindly manner, coupled with a noble purpose in life, made him a general favorite. He was buried with Masonic honors on Feb. 8th, 1928.

R.W. Bro. Dr. D. D. Ellis.

Masonry lost a true friend and honored member on September 10, 1927, when R.W. Bro. Dr. D. D. Ellis joined the Grand Lodge above in his 69th year. Born in Perth County, Ontario, he graduated from Toronto University and practised for a short time in Stratford. He then went to Saskatchewan, where he practised for many years. Here he was elected D.D. G.M. and was untiring in the interests of the Craft. He was also a member of the Legislature there. In 1917-18-19 he was Grand Master of British America of the Orange Order. For the past six years he had lived retired at Listowel, during which time he gave generously of his time and outstanding talents in the interests of Masonry. He was a life-long and devoted member of the Anglican Church. Beloved by all who knew him his death is deeply regretted.

V.W. Bro. John A. Cowan

On December 19th death came to V.W. Bro. John A. Cowan, who had been editor of The Freemason ever since that paper came into existence more than forty years ago. For many years he had been engaged in the customs warehouse at Toronto as one of the Chief Clerks, retiring from that position several years ago. He was also an alderman of the City of Toronto for many years. V.W. Bro. Cowan was one

of the veteran members of Doric Lodge, No. 316, Toronto, a Past Grand Officer (Grand Standard Bearer, 1887), as well as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire near the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

As one of the founders of The St. Patrick's Chapter, of Royal Arch Masons, No. 145, Toronto, he had been closely identified with every movement in the progress of this Chaper for more than twenty years. He had the pleasure of seeing this Chapter become one of the largest in the British Empire. He was a Past Principal and had been its Director of Ceremonies for many years. He was Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of New Zealand, near the Grand Chapter of Canada. In the Knights Templar body he was a Past Preceptor of Cyrene Preceptory of Toronto, and had been a member of the Sovereign Great Priory for many years. He was also a member of Rameses Temple of the Mystic Shrine and of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

V.W. Bro. J. B. Ferguson

On October 15th, the death took place of one of the best-known Masons in the Ottawa District, in the person of V.W. Bro. J. B. Ferguson. He was Master of Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, Renfrew, in 1915 and at the time of his removal from Renfrew to Ottawa was Second Principal in Bonnechere Chapter, No. 114, R.A.M. In 1916 one of his soldier sons who had been severely wounded in the Great War was taken to the hospital in Ottawa, and this brought about the father's removal to that city in order to be with his son. On the death of his son he took up permanent residence in Ottawa. Thereafter V.W. Bro. Ferguson took an untiring interest in ex-service men's problems, doing valuable work on their behalf. A member of Ottawa Preceptory, Knights Templar, and of Rameses Temple, he was a jovial and familiar figure whenever the members foregathered. He was appointed a Grand Steward of Grand Lodge in 1920.

Possbily his greatest activities in Masonic circles are to be found in the establishment of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 560, Ottawa. Feeling it necessary for more accommodation to take care of the growing activities of post-war Masonry, he soon became the central figure around which that body of Masons gathered and brought into being this new lodge. His genuine character, his far-seeing and fatherly advice, and his untiring work during these busy Masonic years earned for him undying praise. He again assumed the chair of King Solomon in St. Andrew's Lodge, Ottawa, and guided it through many trying times to health and strength. In many other activities in Ottawa he was a firm and forceful mover. The Masonic Club and the Masonic Library owe much to his efforts, also his counselling while a member of the Ottawa Masonic Hall Board had much to do in working out means whereby the large number of new and small lodges could enjoy the comforts and facilities of their older and stronger lodges under the same roof. The St. Andrew's Society of Ottawa was another activity in which his interest and good work never flagged, and the Ottawa branch of the Great War Veterans made him an honorary member for his work in their behalf. In business he was a lumberman with connections and business associations over a wide area, from which his familiar figure will now be absent.

V.W. Bro. William Ballantyne

The Masons of Seaforth suffered a severe loss on March 1st when the death took place of V.W. Bro. William Ballantyne, who passed away in his 89th year. Born in Scotland, he came to Canada as a boy, and after a few years moved from Galt to Huron County, where he spent the remainder of his long and useful life. He was a charter member of the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Seaforth, and for nearly fifty years a member of the Session of that church. He was a charter member of Britannia Lodge No. 170, Seaforth, and one of the oldest members of the Masonic fraternity in Canada. He had received the veteran's medal from Grand Lodge, of which he was in former years an officer, and in June, 1925, was

presented by the members of Britannia Lodge with a gold-headed walking stick, to mark the 60th anniversary of his membership. For twenty-eight years Mr. Ballantyne was License Inspector for South Huron. For twenty-two years he was a member of the Public School Board, and for many years filled the office of town assessor. In public he was a man of quiet and dignified manner; in discharge of public duty, he was of unbending principle. But to those who knew him best, he was a man of large heart, of kindness, humor and of wisdom. No man of his day earned or received a fuller share of respect and esteem than he.

V.W. Bro. John C. Davidson

On March 9th the death occurred of V.W. Bro. John C. Davidson, of Gravenhurst, in his eighty-seventh year. Born in Scotland, he came to Canada when four years old. He was made a Mason in St. John's Lodge, No. 68, Ingersoll, in 1870. He affiliated with Golden Rule Lodge No. 409, Gravenhurst, in 1885, and was elected Master in 1890. He served as Secretary of the Lodge for many years. He was appointed Grand Steward of Grand Lodge in 1895. A man of sterling worth and character, he was respected by all with whom he came in contact as a gentleman of the old school, sincere and straightforward in all he said and did. He was a regular attendant on the communications of Grand Lodge, and was regarded as an authority on the Masonic work.

V.W. Bro. John Senn

Born in the township of Oneida, County of Haldimand, on August 8th, 1850, the late John Senn at the age of twenty-two became a member of Enniskillen Lodge No. 185, York and was Master of that Lodge in 1877. For many year she took a prominent part in all Masonic functions in that vicinity. He was appointed a Grand Steward of Grand Lodge by M.W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, an old schoolmate, in 1920. His last appearance at a Masonic meeting was on the occasion of the official visit of the District Deputy to his mother lodge two years ago. He was one of six

members in attendance at that meeting who had been initiated in Enniskillen over fifty years before. For forty years he was clerk of his native township, being recognized throughout the province as an authority in municipal law. He was elected to the Legislature in the year 1892. Prominently identified with the Methodist Church, he was a Sunday School Superintendent for over fifty years. His long life of useful service to humanity was brought to a close on September 23rd, 1927.

V.W. Bro. Elijah Miller

During the year Northern Light Lodge, No. 93 Kincardine added to its list of the honored dead the name of V.W. Bro. Elijah Miller. Initiated into that lodge on July 25th, 1872, he died on July 25th, 1927, exactly fifty-five years to a day a Mason. His death will be regretted throughout the entire district of North Huron, for he attended very regularly to the meetings of his mother lodge and was always in demand in the neighboring towns, being a fluent speaker and a talented singer. He was appointed a Grand Steward of Grand Lodge in 1889. He also had held high office in the Grand Chapter, being a Past Grand Superintendent of Huron District, No. 6. He was prominent in the business and social life of his home town, serving the office of Mayor and President of the Hospital Board for several years. Of V.W. Bro. Miller it can be said that he was a good citizen and a true Mason. As was his wish, he was laid to rest with Masonic honors.

V.W. Bro. A. E. Covell

After an illness of more than two years, V.W. Bro. A. E. Covell, of Toronto, died August 30, 1927. Born and educated in Toronto, he entered the service of the T. Eaton Co. twenty-seven years ago. Doric No. 316, was his mother lodge, but he was also a charter member of St. Alban's Lodge, No. 514, joining in 1913. He was Worshipful Master of St. Alban's during the years 1919 and 1921. He was also a Past First Principal of St. Alban's Chapter, a member of Geoffrey de St.

Aldemar Preceptory and Rameses Shrine. At the 1927 meeting of Grand Lodge he was appointed a Grand Steward, in recognition of distinguished service to Masonry.

V.W. Bro. Albert E. Hagerman

V.W. Bro. Albert E. Hagerman was initiated in St Andrew's Lodge on Sept. 26th, 1899. His very marked ability soon brought advancement, and he was elected to office in 1901. His advance was rapid and he was elected Worshipful Master in 1905. He was appointed Grand Senior Deacon a few years later. He was superannuated two years ago, and was looking forward to years of rest and enjoyment and his very sudden call to Grand Lodge Above came as a great shock to the members of St. Andrew's Lodge. The Secretary of St. Andrew's Lodge says of him: "He was our most active Past Master, always willing and capable of rendering any service required of him." He had a wide circle of friends outside the Masonic fraternity, and those who knew him best loved him most. Many precious memories remain of Bro. Hagerman's kind and helpful ministrations and of his rich, mellow rhetoric, trained by long years of helpfulness, the spirit of which left its impress upon his whole expression. It was a fine tribute paid to the high esteem in which he was held in the City of Toronto by the large numbers of friends and brethren who assembled when he was buried with Masonic honors.

V.W. Bro. George S. Brown

Toronto District "A" and Masonry in general have suffered a distinct loss through the death of V.W. Bro. George S. Brown, on June 13th, in his fifty-second year. For a man of his years George Brown had an active and meritorious career in Masonry. He was initiated into Mimico Lodge No. 369, Lambton Mills, in 1902. In 1911, in company with his brother, W. Bro. Phil. H. Brown and other active members in the town of Mimico, he established Connaught Lodge, No. 501, becoming its first master. Connaught Lodge became his particular care, and in 1918 he assumed the office of Secretary, which he held until the time of his

death. During the regime of Most Worshipful Brother W. H. Wardrope, he was rewarded for his activities by receiving an appointment to Grand Lodge as Grand Sword Bearer. Wherever Masonry was known throughout the grand jurisdiction of Canada, he was a familiar figure, attending the Grand Lodge regularly. Among other connections in the Craft he was a charter member of the Anthony Sayer Lodge, No. 640; Mimico Chapter, R.A.M., and St. Patrick's Chapter, R.A.M.

V.W. Bro. John Tyner

On April 29th last the call came suddenly to V.W. Bro. John Tyner, Past Master of Central Lodge No. 110, Prescott, and Past Grand Steward. Bro. Tyner was initiated into Central Lodge in 1874, and for fifty-four years took an active and intelligent interest in the work of the lodge. Ever ready to help and guide the younger, he was characterized by a high ideal of things Masonic. Faithful and active in St. John's Church of England, he was a warden and member of the Diocesan Executive. In addition he always took a keen interest in wholesome sport, being the last surviving member of the "World's Champion Lacrosse Club" of Prescott. His funeral was most representative of the District of St. Lawrence, many Past D.D.G.M's being present with W. Bro. His Lordship Bishop Seager, of Kingston, assisting in the services. V.W. Bro. Tyner passed out full of years, most active to the last and will not soon be forgotten by hundreds who prized his friendship.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK A. COPUS,

Chairman.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Bro. F. A. Copus and resolved: That the report of the Board on the Fraternal Dead be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE SEVENTY FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

The report of the Special Committee on the Celebration of the Seventy-fifth Anniversary was presented by R.W. Bro. A. J. Anderson, as follows:

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

Your Committee respectfully submits its second report on the progress made in regard to the celebration, in the year 1930, of the 75th Anniversary of the institution of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

All matters mentioned in our first report presented last year have received continued attention and study, and your Committee is firmly of the opinion that the course then suggested is along proper lines.

The work of writing the History of Grand Lodge from 1858, the date to which the History of Masonry in Canada was brought by the Late Most Worshipful Grand Master John Ross Robertson, down to the year 1930 was committed to Most Worshipful Brother John A. Rowland, Most Worshipful Brother E. T. Malone and Right Worshipful Brother W. M. Logan, and we are pleased to report that this work is well in hand and will be ready for presentation to Grand Lodge in 1930. In connection with this matter it is but fair to remind the members of Grand Lodge and through them the Craft in general, that this History extending over a period of seventy-two years covers nearly the whole of the life of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario as now constituted, and to prepare and present such an historical record in an accurate interesting and instructive narrative necessitates a great amount of careful reading and research, examination of records, and assembling of material information. The distinguished brethren entrusted with this work are too well known to us all,

for their zeal for Freemasonry, their long and valuable experience as leaders in the Craft, and their intense sincerity and loyalty in all their masonic efforts, to give us anything short of a perfect and inspiring record.

In regard to other Grand Jurisdictions being represented at this interesting event in 1930, we have also to report that much correspondence has taken place in respect to it, and satisfactory assurances have been received that we will be favored and honored by the presence of distinguished brethren from Grand Jurisdictions in the Mother land, the Provinces of Canada, and some of the United States. This part of the work is in good hands and we feel that the efforts being put forward in that direction will meet with your approval, and afford us all great pleasure.

Your Committee in 1927 reported that Benevolence in some form should feature this celebration. This is still our judgment.

This Grand Jurisdiction has only one fund earmarked and established for the sole purpose of its benevolent work, namely The Semi-Centennial Fund which memorialized the fiftieth anniversary of the institution of our Grand Lodge. At that time—1905—the membership of Grand Lodge was about 34,000, and the raising of that fund of $100,000.00 was courageously undertaken and accomplished. The Fund has been considered rather a closed fund, as very little has been added to it since it reached the $100,000.00 mark. The reason for such a standstill condition is the absence of incentive to the membership to continue contributing, and the event to mark which the fund was created has moved away into the past, and no longer exists or operates as a force in continuing the enthusiasm needed for an enlarging fund.

In every other Grand Jurisdiction of equal importance to ours, and in some Jurisdictions of lesser numerical standing, greater and better provision has been made for the advancement of their benevolent work, than we have in this Grand Lodge.

We have not charged ourselves with the maintenance of Hospitals, Homes, Farms or Educational Institutions for the benefit of our more unfortunate and less efficient brethren and their dependants, we have confined our efforts to what can be done by the way of donation with the interest derived from our permanent investments, and benevolent grants from our general revenue, amounting to $101,700.00 in 1926-7. Furthermore, we many times hear speakers at our lodge meetings and at banquets and refreshment tables exhort the rank and file—the side benchers—to give greater attention and assistance to the work of our constituent lodges, by attending meetings regularly, contributing to the work of the lodges, and visiting and helping the sick and those in distress. These exhortations are frequently met with suggestion to widen the scope of Masonry by amending our Constitution to enable us to do work of a character such as is carried out by Service Clubs. Our Constitution does not need amendment to enable us to carry on equally worthy work. Avenues and channels in and through which much greater effort could and would be put forth and by which a spirit of enthusiasm would be created for better results, are now possible and should be opened up within our present powers so that all our brethren would be afforded every opportunity of not only cultivating but exercising a desire to carry out more safely and efficiently the work of a charitable benevolent and educational character in assisting our aged and infirm brethren, and in the maintenance and education of orphaned and dependent children.

The financial means possessed by and at the disposal of our brethren warrants and demands it, if we would whole-heartedly live up to our professions and obligations.

The Province of Ontario which is our territorial Jurisdiction, holds a very enviable position within the Dominion and the Empire. Our membership has now reached about 114,000 and our lodges number about 560. This progress is well in keeping with the progress of our Province in point of population and material advancement. Canada has, however, attained a

position or rank in the Beloved Empire of which it forms a part, far beyond the expectations of our people when this Grand Lodge was established. Canada stands in the premier position among British Dominions and is so acknowledged throughout the Empire and by other world Powers. The Province of Ontario is with regard to population and wealth, and agriculture industry, and education, in advance of the other provinces.

We therefore, as an institution in Ontario have a duty to maintain the dignity and importance of our Province in the exercise of our own activities.

When our Motherland was put to the extreme test in the World War 1914-1918 our Province along with the rest of the Dominion of Canada, and the other British Dominions and Possessions voluntarily joined in that titanic struggle to uphold the Civilization of the world, the integrity of the British Empire, and the maintenance of the spirit of justice and right such as is exemplified in the ideals and teachings of our Order. In the ranks of the armies of our Sovereign were large numbers of our membership, who suffered hardships, injury, distress and death that we might still carry on and enjoy the fruits of our civilization as before. Many of these men never returned and left dependants, many others who returned to our land have since succumbed to the shock and injuries incurred in the war. This world tragedy more than any other cause has in recent years added to the obligations we are under to help those in need and in distress among our membership, and those who are dependent on them.

The work of Benevolence of Grand Lodge is becoming greater every year and its demands on our resources are equally increasing. It will not be many years before our whole scheme of Benevolence administration will have to be considered and re-modelled if something of large proportions, worthy in its scope, and possibly heroic in its character be undertaken and accomplished.

Why not start now and let this Seventy-fifth Anniversary celebration provide the date and opportunity?

Your Committee therefore recommends that a fund of at least a quarter of a million dollars be accumulated by June, 1930, such fund so based and inaugurated to be known as "Grand Lodge Memorial Fund", to be an open continuous Fund, to which additions, by way of gift, grant, donation, devise or bequest may be made in the future by individual masons and lodges and from Masonic functions and efforts, the fund to be invested, and its revenue or income to be used for benevolent purposes by and under the control and direction of Grand Lodge.

Your Committee further recommends that a representative committee be appointed by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to formulate ways and means for raising the Memorial Fund. Your Committee also humbly suggests that it may be continued for another year.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. J. ANDERSON,

Chairman.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Bro. A. J. Anderson and resolved: That the report of the Board on the Seventy-fifth Anniversary be received and adopted.

The M.W. the Grand Master appointed scrutineers of the ballot and named R.W. Bro. G. R. Lloyd as Chairman.

CALLED OFF

Grand Lodge was called from labour at five o'clock p.m., to meet on Thursday, July 19th, 1928, at half past nine in the forenoon.

SECOND DAY

Grand Lodge resumed labour on Thursday, July 19th, 1928, at 9.30 a.m., the Grand Master on the Throne.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

The report of the Committee on Credentials was presented by R.W. Bro. J. B. Way, as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Wardens, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Your Committee on Credentials begs to report:

There are on the register of Grand Lodge 562 Warranted Lodges, of which number 3 have been granted their warrants at this Communication.

Lodges represented at this Communication:

By Regular Officers	359
By Proxies	86
By Past Masters	41
Total number represented	476
Total number delegates registered	1,735
With a total vote of	2,551

Fraternally submitted,

J. B. WAY,

Chairman.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Bro. J. B. Way, and resolved: That the report of the Committee on Credentials be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

The report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address was presented by M.W. Bro. J. A. Rowland, as follows:

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee desire at the inception to express on behalf of Grand Lodge the pleasure with which they have listened to the interesting, suggestive and comprehensive address of the M.W. the Grand Master, and to congratulate him on the success that has attended his efforts during the past year. The Grand Master modestly expresses the hope that he might be able to discharge the responsibilities of his office and be of real service to the Craft. May we assure him that the hope so modestly expressed has been amply realized. No man has done more than he has to promote a more complete understanding between our rural and urban populations, while by his sincerity and directness of purpose, his sane and well regulated enthusiasm, and his loftiness of ideal he has set a high standard in the public life of our Province and has secured for himself a lasting place in the gratitude and affections, not only of his Masonic brethren but of our whole citizenship.

Your Committee cordially reiterate the congratulatory reference to the beautiful city in which we are permitted to meet—a city by the way, which has given us two Grand Masters, in the persons of M.W. Brothers Moffat and Hungerford, and the very deserving and sympathetic tribute that he has paid to to the pioneer settlers of our province, to the men who lived and laboured here while our institutions were in their infancy and the ideals that form the basis of our social and political life were in process of development. With all the advantages that we enjoy to-day we are the heirs of the past, and if it can be said of us that we are a law-abiding and God-fearing people, it is largely because those that went before in the midst of their struggles and difficulties found a time

and place for those things that tend to the upbuilding of the moral, intellectual and spiritual life of a people.

Your Committee note with pleasure the generous tribute which the Grand Master has paid to those who have been permitted to serve and assist him in the discharge of his Masonic duties and join heartily in the expression of pleasure that we all feel in having with us our Grand Treasurer, so far restored to his accustomed health.

Your Committee are glad to learn the Grand Master has found time in the course of his busy life to visit so extensively both within and outside of his own jurisdiction and they entirely concur in his statement that nothing should be left undone to promote a more intimate relationship and a regular interchange of visits between the Grand Lodges of our Dominion. They also express the hope that the Grand Master may be able to realize his ambition of visiting a number of our other Canadian Grand Lodges during his term of office. Such visits whether in Canada or beyond our borders cannot fail to be a lasting benefit.

Your Committee desire to congratulate the Grand Master on the very remarkable gathering that took place in his own district to pay tribute to the memory of our first Grand Master.

Your Committee endorse all that the Grand Master has said as to the progress of the Craft both in temporal and statistic matters, and the warning which he has sounded to the Masters of our Lodges as to the care to be exercised in the selection of material. They also concur in the various rulings that have been reported, in the recommendation that the customary fee be dispensed with in the granting of dispensations in reference to attendance at divine service in Masonic clothing; in the action of the Grand Master in the naming of commissions and in his other appointments, and also in the recommendation that R.W. Bro. W. J. Price be confirmed in the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master.

Your Committee are in thorough accord with the remarks of the Grand Master regarding the establishment of Masonic Libraries and commend to the Grand Lodge the suggestion that he be authorized to name a committee to consider and report to Grand Lodge on this very important question.

Your Committee feel assured that the sentiments expressed in the concluding paragraphs of the Grand Master's Address will meet with the approval of Masons everywhere, while his reference to the action of Great Britain on the American Peace Proposal will touch a responsive chord in the hearts of the members of this Grand Lodge. To end war would be the result of the universal acceptance of the principles for which Masonry stands; to make peace assured is one of the great purposes for which our Empire exists. In the process of time changes have occurred in the organic structure of the Empire itself.

Yet the real bond of union between its several parts remains unaltered and unimpaired, and it is a striking illustration of the strength and certainty of this bond that the proposal which was made alike to the self-governing Dominions, and the Mother Country should have met with the same ready and unreserved acceptance on the part of them all.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN A. ROWLAND,
Chairman.
E. T. MALONE,
W. H. WARDROPE.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by M.W. Bro. J. A. Rowland and resolved: That the report of the Board on the Grand Master's Address be received and adopted.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

The following brethren having been duly elected by their respective districts, were confirmed in office by the M.W. the Grand Master.

Algoma	Calvin S. McComb	Port Arthur
Brant	Thos. J. Kirkby	Brantford
Bruce	Samuel F. Ballachey	Paisley
Chatham	Wm. J. Bodkin	Thamesville
Eastern	Hiram B. Fetterly	Winchester
Frontenac	Norman Boyce	Colebrook
Georgian	Wm. H. Whipps	Collingwood
Grey	James P. Leslie	Owen Sound
Hamilton A	Ewart G. Dixon	Hamilton
Hamilton B	Robt. Clark	Hamilton
London	Herbert J. Childs	London
Muskoka	Jas. D. McDonald	Huntsville
Niagara	Andrew Gray	Chippawa
Nipissing	Wm. J. Cressey	Sudbury
North Huron	Albert W. Beacom	Blyth
Ontario	Wm. J. Bragg	Bowmanville
Ottawa	John A. Dobbie	Ottawa
Peterborough	John R. Fraser	Lakefield
Prince Edward	Jas. O. Herity	Belleville
Sarnia	Gordon E. Longfield	Mt. Brydges
South Huron	Ernest W. White	St. Marys
St. Lawrence	Morley Earl	Athens
St. Thomas	Chris. P. Silcox	Shedden
Temiskaming	Ernest C. Ward	Cochrane
Toronto A	Smith Shaw	Toronto
Toronto B	Rich. R. Davis	Toronto
Toronto C	Wm. J. Patterson	Newmarket
Toronto D	Samuel Alexander	Mt. Dennis
Victoria	Chas. M. Callan	Coboconk
Wellington	Wellington Keffer	Hespeler
Wilson	Jas. Kennedy	Embro
Windsor	Fred E. Wilson	Amherstburg

The newly appointed District Deputy Grand Masters were then installed and invested by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone.

DISPOSITION OF NOTICE OF MOTION

M.W. Bro. J. A. Rowland who had given notice of motion to amend Section 186 of the Constitution dealing with the jurisdiction of lodges, asked the permission of Grand Lodge to withdraw the motion,

and, no brother objecting, the Grand Master declared the permission granted.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. E. T. Essery and seconded by W. Bro. C. H. Heaman: That the issuing of official notices from the office of the M.W. the Grand Master to Masonic lodges, intimating that members of the Craft should not become members of other societies therein named, is an improper interference with the civil rights of the members of Masonic lodges and should be discontinued.

After a brief discussion, the motion was put to the vote, and only two voting for it, the motion was declared lost.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The scrutineers of the ballot were sworn in by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone and the election of officers was proceeded with.

OFFICERS ELECTED

R.W. Bro. G. R. Lloyd, Chairman of the Committee of Scrutineers, presented the following report of the elections:

Grand Senior Warden—R.W. Bro. J. W. Plewes, London
Grand Junior Warden—R.W. Bro. S. W. Seago, Brantford
Grand Chaplain—R.W. Bro. Rev. H. R. Young, Toronto
Grand Registrar—R.W. Bro. D. McCaughrin, Orillia.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

R.W. Bro. W. S. Herrington, Napanee
R.W. Bro. F. A. Copus, Stratford
R.W. Bro. J. D. Spence, Toronto.
R.W. Bro. C. E. Kelly, Hamilton.
R.W. Bro. E. W. Barber, Toronto.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

The City of Ottawa.

OFFICERS INSTALLED AND INVESTED

M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone installed and invested the officers elect in due and ancient form, and they were acclaimed with Grand Honours.

APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

The M.W. the Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following brethren as members of the Board of General Purposes for the term of two years.

R.W. Bro. R. Williamson, Watford.
R.W. Bro. C. E. Clements, Chatham.
R.W. Bro. G. C. Bonnycastle, Bowmanville.
R.W. Bro. J. H. Putman, Ottawa
R.W. Bro. F. K. Ebbitt, Iroquois Falls.

APPOINTED OFFICERS

The M.W. the Grand Master made the following appointments:

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Grand Senior Deacon, V.W. Bro. Geo. W. Lee, North Bay
Grand Junior Deacon, V.W. Bro. W. H. Gimblett, Kingston
Grand Supt. of Works, V.W. Bro. J. T. McMulkin, Toronto
Grand Director of Ceremonies, V.W. Bro. F. S. Kent, Cayuga
Asst. Grand Chaplain, V.W. Bro. Rev. J. H. Barnett, Ridgetown
Asst. Grand Chaplain, V.W. Bro. Rev. H. H. Bedford-Jones, Perth
Asst. Grand Chaplain, V.W. Bro. Rev. E. A. Thomson, Elora.
Asst. Grand Secretary, V.W. Bro. W. A. McIntosh, Simcoe.
Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies, V.W. Bro. W. D. Greer, Toronto.
Grand Sword Bearer, V.W. Bro. P. H. Brown, Mimico.
Grand Organist, V.W. Bro. L. E. Kendall, Iroquois Falls
Asst. Grand Organist, V.W. Bro. J. H. King, Toronto.
Grand Pursuivant, V.W. Bro. F. D. Hubbell, Windsor.

GRAND STEWARDS

V.W. Bro. W. J. Alcock, Sarnia
" T. Annison, Bowmanville
" A. Brian, Haileybury

V. W. Bro. W. J. Oates, Cobden
" J. W. Cochran, London
" R. R. Coleman, Cookstown
" M. G. Corbett, Merrickville
" K. R. Davis, Stouffville
" R. Dengate, Ealing
" H. Faulkner, Fort William
" R. S. Fulcher, North Bay
" F. Gover, Orillia
" J. E. Hall, Port Credit
" C. Higgins, Kingston
" H. E. Hilder, Welland
" J. Hunter, Cornwall
" W. M. Jermyn, Whitby
" G. F. Little, Brighton
" R. E. Mills, Elora
" G. Milne, Hamilton
" W. H. Moss, Dundas
" P. F. Munro, Toronto
" J. R. McColl, Highgate
" O. P. McGregor, Toronto
" A. S. McLaren, Arnprior
" H. Nesbitt, Peterborough
" T. H. New, Toronto
" E. T. Newman, Melbourne
" L. G. Parsons, Goderich
" A. G. Saunders, Toronto
" F. Sharpe, Gravenhurst
" G. Sherk, Hagersville
" J. E. Smith, Orangeville
" R. W. Stewart, Schomberg
" W. J. Thorn, Omemee
" J. F. Vandrick, Listowel
" S. W. Vogan, Walkerton
" W. H. Wallace, Hamilton
" M. J. Wilker, Claremont
" W. J. Woods, Hamilton

GRAND STANDARD BEARERS

V.W. Bro. J. H. Anderson, Port Rowan
" A. Thompson, Thornhill.

VOTE OF THANKS

It was moved by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone seconded by M.W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, and resolved That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the citizens of London and especially to the local committees, whose service and assiduous attention have done everything to make the stay of the members of Grand Lodge one of comfort and pleasure.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED

The Grand Chaplain then invoked the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U. upon the members of Grand Lodge during the yearly recess, and Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form at half past one in the afternoon of Thursday, July 19th, 1928.

Grand Secretary.

RETURNS OF LODGES AS

See Pages 428—431 for List of

Lodges marked (a) hold their Installation of Officers on or near the Festival

The names of the W. M. and Secretary

No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
2	aNiagara	Niagara	C. T. Gilliland	A. J. Wood
3	aAnct. St. John's	Kingston	Thos. A. Kidd	A. W. Cathcart
5	aSussex	Brockville	R. H. Sheridan	Thos. H. Guest
6	aBarton	Hamilton	Geo. H. Richmond	W. H. F. Whateley
7	Union	Grimsby	C. W. Lewis	Mark Frampton
9	aUnion	Napanee	W. S. Wilson	J. G. Fennell
10	aNorfolk	Simcoe	C. S. Ryerse	S. L. King
11	aMoira	Belleville	Wm. McIntosh	Geo. Dulmage
14	aTrue Britons	Perth	John H. Hardy	F. V. Buffam
15	St. George's	St. Catharines	H. W. Byrne	A. N. Lindsay
16	aSt. Andrew's	Toronto	S. V. L. Willmot	Wm. Lawrence
17	St. John's	Cobourg	J. G. McNab	G. W. Rothwell
18	aPrince Edward	Picton	Clifford Cooper	E. C. Garbutt
20	aSt. John's	London	H. R. Hooper	Rich. Booth
21a	aSt. John's	Vankleek Hill	W. R. Hall	A. D. McRae
22	aKing Solomon's	Toronto	Geo. Griffiths	P. H. Walker
23	Richmond	Richmond Hill	Jos. A. Monkman	N. F. A. Batty
24	aSt. Francis	Smith's Falls	Oscar P. Lloyd	C. G. Jones
25	aIonic	Toronto	A. W. Langmuir	C. B. Parker
26	aOntario	Port Hope	R. E. Sculthorpe	F. H. Batty
27	aStrict Observance	Hamilton	Jas. H. Gibson	H. W. Linton
28	aMount Zion	Kemptville	S. E. Kidd	S. H. Guest
29	aUnited	Brighton	H. K. Roblin	B. C. H. Becker
30	aComposite	Whitby	S. J. Spall	J. W. Bateman
31	aJerusalem	Bowmanville	E. H. Brown	Thos. Annison
32	aAmity	Dunnville	Jas. Loggie	S. W. Lymburner
33	aMaitland	Goderich	John H. Vrooman	R. J. Megaw
34	aThistle	Amherstburg	Chas. F. Ayerst	L. J. Pettypiece
35	St. John's	Cayuga	A. E. Walker	H. J. Hoshal
37	aKing Hiram	Ingersoll	R. S. Clark	R. T. Agar
38	aTrent	Trenton	Henry Sager	W. J. Potts
39	aMount Zion	Brooklin	Geo. A. Johnson	Thos. R. Price
40	aSt. John's	Hamilton	A. E. Kerr	B. L. Simpson
41	aSt. George's	Kingsville	T. V. Maxwell	E. L. Frost
42	aSt. George's	London	Harry Owen	Thos. Dickson
43	King Solomon's	Woodstock	A. H. Wilson	A. W. Massie
44	aSt. Thomas	St. Thomas	Wm. E. Eldert	F. W. Judd
45	Brant	Brantford	R. W. E. McFadden	Geo. Whitwill
46	aWellington	Chatham	Nathaniel Mahon	W. J. McCall
47	aGreat Western	Windsor	Victor J. Smith	W. G. Wells
48	aMadoc	Madoc	Frank Smith	A. S. Cochran
50	aConsecon	Consecon	Wray Carley	H. J. Chase
52	Dalhousie	Ottawa	C. M. Pitts	H. W. Jackson
54	aVaughan	Maple	Milton McDonald	J. T. Pollock
55	aMerrickville	Merrickville	Carman Knapp	M. G. Corbett
56	aVictoria	Sarnia	W. S. Gibson	H. W. Unsworth
57	aHarmony	Binbrook	Dr. G. L. Bell	Jas. D. Rose
58	aDoric	Ottawa	J. F. Hambly	J. A. Ross
61	aAcacia	Hamilton	James McKay	C. E. Kelly
62	aSt. Andrew's	Caledonia	H. H. Bersch	Thos. J. Hicks
63	aSt. John's	Carleton Place	W. J. Hughes	D. H. McIntosh
64	aKilwinning	London	Wm. A. Adams	W. Lancaster
65	aRehoboam	Toronto	Ernest Call	Geo. H. Mitchell
66	aDurham	Newcastle	Edwin C. Hoar	J. W. Bradley
68	aSt. John's	Ingersoll	W. J. Tune	John Lee
69	Stirling	Stirling	V. Richardson	C. F. Linn
72	Alma	Galt	D. K. Bartleman	A. J. Oliver
73	aSt. James	St. Mary's	A. B. Creighton	N. L. Brandon
74	aSt. James	S. Augusta	M. H. Collier	H. H. Throop

AT DECEMBER 31, 1927.

Special Addresses of Secretaries

of St. John the Evangelist, all others on or near that of St. John the Baptist, are corrected up to July 18, 1928.

No. of Lodge	Night of Meeting	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	Resigned	Dead	Suspend. N.P.D	Suspend. U.M.C.	Expelled	Restored	Total Members
2	Wed. on or bef. F.M	8	7	11	2	1	2	13			2	170
3	1st Thursday	16	11	11	4	6	6					400
5	3rd Monday	9	9	7	2	5	11					414
6	2nd Wednesday	11	14	14	6	2	11	2			1	535
7	Thurs. on or bef. F.M	6	7	8	1	4	4					241
9	Frid. on or bef. F.M	4	6	4	3	5	3	5				251
10	Tue. on or bef. F.M	12	12	11	3	1	2					217
11	1st Wednesday	15	14	23	6	3	4	6			3	466
14	1st Monday	3	4	1			2	2				194
15	2nd Tuesday	15	23	16	3	2	4	3			1	332
16	2nd Tuesday	16	16	16	4	5	12	4			1	686
17	2nd Tuesday	10	8	9	4		3	2				282
18	Thurs. on or bef. F.M	8	9	10	1	7	5	1			1	276
20	2nd Tuesday	17	11	11	4	3	10	6			2	513
21	aTues. on or bef. F.M.	2	3	1								112
22	2nd Thursday	10	9	11	1	7	8				1	484
23	3rd Wednesday	4	4	4		1						129
24	Fri. on or bef. F.M	16	15	14	8	2		1				272
25	1st Wednesday	7	7	6	3	6	11	5				350
26	3rd Friday	12	8	5	2	1	5	4			1	201
27	3rd Friday	20	19	20	5	1	8	8			1	543
28	Friday bef. F.M	4	6	5	2	1						108
29	1st Tuesday	1	1		3	2	1	7				196
30	1st Friday	6	3	3	1	3					1	161
31	2nd Wednesday	9	9	9	2	1		1			1	227
32	2nd Wednesday	9	11	16	3	2	3	20				228
33	2nd Tuesday	9	8	10	3	2	2					253
34	Tues. on or bef. F.M	2	2	3	1			9				183
35	3rd Thursday	4	4	3	4	1	1					126
37	1st Friday	9	5	4			2	3				202
38	2nd Tuesday	9	11	10	2	6	2	8			4	285
39	Tues. on or bef. F.M	1				2	2					88
40	3rd Thursday	10	8	7		1	13	16			4	625
41	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	13	13	15		4	8					286
42	1st Thursday	11	11	10	1	2	2	5				367
43	1st Tuesday	10	13	12		2	7	5			3	436
44	1st Thursday	9	10	9		2	8	10				510
45	2nd Tuesday	15	14	13	3	6	9	16				481
46	1st Monday	11	11	12		4	6	7			1	359
47	1st Thursday	23	20	18		5	7	2			3	965
48	Tues. on or bef. F.M	9	14	14	2	2	2	4			1	186
50	Fri. on or bef. F.M	3	1	1		3		2			1	97
52	1st Tuesday	5	4	3		3	5	7			3	481
54	Tues. on or bef. F.M	1	1			2						87
55	Tues on or bef. F.M				1	2	2					113
56	1st Tuesday	8	9	7	2	1	6	4			1	378
57	Wed on or bef. F.M	6	2	2		3	3	1				170
58	3rd Thursday	17	14	13	5	4	8	3			2	414
61	2nd Friday	20	17	22	12	6	9	14			6	894
62	3rd Thursday	5	5	6	1	1	1	2				142
63	2nd Wednesday	3	3	3	1	1		4				240
64	3rd Friday	22	16	23	3	4	6	10			1	478
65	1st Thursday	16	16	16		2	9	7				649
66	Tues. on or bef. F.M	9	10	3			2					100
68	3rd Friday	3	3	2	1		4	1			1	161
69	Thursday on or aft. F.M.	3	3	2	1			2				143
72	Last Tuesday	6	6	6		1	4	3				234
73	1st Monday	1	1	1	3	1	2				2	148
74	Mon. nearest F.M	9	8	8		1	2				2	87

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The names of the W.M. and Secretary

No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
75	St. John's	Toronto	Walter Newman	Wm. J. Charles
76	aOxford	Woodstock	L. A. Westcott	J. W. Dutton
77	aFaithful Brethren	Lindsay	H. S. Johnston	C. L. Davidson
78	aKing Hiram	Tillsonburg	H. F. Johnston	H. McQueen
79	aSimcoe	Bradford	Wm. R. Baynes	F. Kilkenny
81	aSt. John's	Mount Brydges	D. M. McNeill	E. G. Longfield
82	St. John's	Paris	D. R. Elwood	Robt. Mason
83	aBeaver	Strathroy	John A. Pedden	W. A. Campbell
84	Clinton	Clinton	H. P. Plumsteel	H. B. Chant
85	aRising Sun	Athens	C. M. Bracken	A. E. Watt
86	aWilson	Toronto	A. A. Campbell	W. L. Lawer
87	Markham Union	Markham	G. L. Williamson	L. A. Kennedy
88	St. George's	Owen Sound	C. T. Waugh	J. M. Campbell
90	aManito	Collingwood	C. A. Trott	D. M. Hughes
91	aColborne	Colborne	Douglas W. Ives	John T. Gordon
92	aCataraqui	Kingston	C. H. Wood	W. H. Dalby
93	aNorthern Light	Kincardine	O. J. Mooney	M. J. McPherson
94	aSt. Mark's	Port Stanley	Harry L. Fraser	H. G. Goodhue
96	aCorinthian	Barrie	W. G. Reeve	A. H. Felt
97	aSharon	Queensville	Floyd Cunningham	W. B. Fairbarn
98	True Blue	Bolton	R. A. Wood	Geo. Lockwood
99	Tuscan	Newmarket	F. E. Cook	P. J. Anderson
100	Valley	Dundas	H. C. Clarke	F. A. Latshaw
101	aCorinthian	Peterborough	R. C. Heideman	R. F. Downey
103	aMaple Leaf	St. Catharines	J. A. Shaw	A. E. Coombs
104	St. John's	Norwich	Norman C. Hern	E. W. Moles
105	aSt. Mark's	Niagara Falls	Harry Holcomb	Fred Trelford
106	aBurford	Burford	Wm. H. Taylor	Geo. Armstrong
107	St. Paul's	Lambeth	Geo. H. Hardy	R. A. McDougall
108	Blenheim	Princeton	Albert Pellow	C. P. Cowan
109	aAlbion	Harrowsmith	R. E. Deline	C. A. Copp
110	aCentral	Prescott	Wm. P. Landers	C. H. Ranson
113	aWilson	Waterford	H. F. W. Walden	R. D. Gibson
114	aHope	Port Hope	Wm. F. McMahon	Arthur Mark
115	aIvy	Beamsville	H. H. Tufford	W. D. Fairbrother
116	aCassia	Thedford	Earl Moloy	Rev. C. L. Langford
118	Union	Schomberg	L. W. Stewart	R. W. Stewart
119	aMaple Leaf	Bath	Wm. A. Birrell	F. G. Young
120	Warren	Fingal	C. C. Minor	F. H. Hunter
121	aDoric	Brantford	W. R. Macdonald	T. R. Logan
122	aRenfrew	Renfrew	Jas. P. Morrison	Jas. F. Mayhew
123	aBelleville	Belleville	W. J. Reed	John McCarthy
125	aCornwall	Cornwall	G. H. Cottrell	John Ridley
126	aGolden Rule	Campbellford	R. N. Hardy	F. C. Bonnycastle
127	aFranck	Frankford	A. G. Austin	Geo. D. Wright
128	aPembroke	Pembroke	E. L. Smith	C. W. Fraser
129	Rising Sun	Aurora	G. E. Underhill	S. C. Taylor
131	aSt. Lawrence	Southampton	Oliver Stephenson	Fred Goodier
133	aLebanon Forest	Exeter	G. O. Thompson	R. N. Creech
135	aSt. Clair	Milton	Jas. E. Bell	P. D. Shorey
136	Richardson	Stouffville	N. E. Fairles	A. V. Nolan
137	aPythagoras	Meaford	F. M. Bell	F. H. Finlay
139	Lebanon	Oshawa	R. E. Saunders	W. A. Hare
140	aMalahide	Aylmer	R. E. Wilson	A. E. Richardson
141	aTudor	Mitchell	E. J. Hingst	J. A. Myers
142	aExcelsior	Morrisburg	H. B. Tindal	W. C. Davy
143	aFriendly Brothers	Iroquois	Milburn Hyslop	H. Hamilton
144	aTecumseh	Stratford	D. M. Scott	S. W. Rust
145	aJ. B Hall	Millbrook	Geo. Berry	Chas. Thorndyke

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No. of Lodges	Night of Meeting	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	Resigned	Dead	Suspend N.P.D.	Suspend U.M.C.	Expelled	Restored	Total Members
75	1st Monday	8	9	7	2	4	5	8			2	389
76	2nd Monday	11	7	7	1	1	1	4			5	327
77	1st Friday	8	7	6	1	5	5				3	342
78	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	9	11	9	4	2	5					281
79	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	3	1	1	1		1	9			1	127
81	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	1	1	1	2	1	5	2				112
82	2nd Tuesday	13	11	10	1		2	4				215
83	3rd Friday	3	4	6		1	1					184
84	Friday on or atf. F.M.	11	8	8	1	1	2	2			2	144
85	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	5	2	2	3	3						96
86	3rd Tuesday	11	8	10	3	6	9	4				482
87	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	3	4	10	5	2	2	17			1	169
88	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	5	4	4	1	1	1					267
90	2nd Tuesday	9	8	7	3	4	3				1	268
91	3rd Friday	6	4	5	1	3	4				8	138
92	2nd Friday	3	4	5	4	5	2					449
93	1st Wednesday	6	7	7	1	3	3				1	198
94	2nd Tuesday	3	3	2	1		3	3				88
96	1st Thursday	13	10	12	2	4	2	1				350
97	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	6	5	4				4			1	111
98	Friday on or aft. F.M.	3	3	3	4	4	1				3	74
99	2nd Wednesday	6	7	10	6	2	3	7			1	153
100	2nd Monday	9	12	9	5	6	2	5			1	320
101	3rd Friday	11	8	8	1	2	2					262
103	Last Thursday	13	10	11	4	5	5					388
104	Tue. on or aft. F.M.	13	11	13	1	1	3	1				177
105	2nd Tuesday	10	12	12	2	2	2	17				318
106	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	3	4	5		2	2	1				137
107	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	3	3	2	1	1	2					114
108	Fri. on or aft. F.M.	4	4	1		2	1	6				92
109	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	8	10	12	4	1	1	1				174
110	1st Tuesday	5	5	5	1	1	3					186
113	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	3	2			2	2	1				169
114	1st Friday	5	5	6	1		4					266
115	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	5	6	5	4	3	2					220
116	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	4	4	3	3	3						74
118	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	4	3	2		3	3	6				68
119	Monday or bef. F.M.	2	2	1		5	1					127
120	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	3	4	2		3	3	3				69
121	3rd Friday	10	9	13	1	4	5	5			2	669
122	1st Monday	6	5	4	6	6	3	2				179
123	1st Thursday	16	21	17	4		3	3				377
125	1st Wednesday	8	5	7	2		4					229
126	1st Tuesday	7	5	6	3	4	2	1				217
127	Monday before F.M.	3	1		3		3	7				177
128	1st Thursday	2	4	5	3	1	4				2	214
129	1st Friday	3	3	2		1	1					157
131	Tue. on or aft. F. M.	7	5	5		1		1				123
133	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	5	3	5	1	3		2				128
135	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	6	7	7	2	1	2	2				161
136	Fri. on or aft. F.M.	2	5	6	1			2				88
137	1st Tuesday	5	4	4		2	3					147
139	2nd Tuesday	12	9	6	1	2	3	2				292
140	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	2	4	5	4	3	5	4				162
141	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	4	5	6	1	1	3					140
142	1st Friday	2	4	4	3		4	2				107
143	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	1	5	8		2	3	1				133
144	3rd Friday	12	10	14	4	6		10			2	382
145	2nd Thursday	2	2	2	2	1		3				98

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The names of the W. M. and Secretary

No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
146	aPrince of Wales	Newburgh	W. H. Wilson	Delbert Sexsmith
147	Mississippi	Almonte	R. A. Jamieson	S. Bradley
148	aCivil Service	Ottawa	Thos. H. Parker	H. W. Lothrop
149	aErie	Port Dover	Jos. Lamb	John C. King
151	aGrand River	Kitchener	F. H. Ahrens	P. Fisher
153	aBurns	Wyoming	D. L. Minielly	Alex. McManus
154	aIrving	Lucan	H. S. Stanley	C. J. Murdy
155	aPeterborough	Peterborough	R. J. Devey	F. H. Dobbin
156	aYork	Toronto	J. E. Dundas	W. E. Holland
157	aSimpson	Newboro'	L. J. Williams	B. F. Bolton
158	aAlexandra	Oil Springs	D. E. Plewes	J. W. Sutherland
159	aGoodwood	Richmond	F. F. Kemp	S. B. Gordon
161	aPercy	Warkworth	H. M. Potter	A. M. Smale
162	Forest	Wroxeter	D. S. McNaughton	Thos. Brown
164	aStar of the East	Wellington	Barton Cronk	E. L. Hubbs
165	aBurlington	Burlington	E. L. Moore	Jas. S. Allen
166	aWentworth	Stoney Creek	Albert Davey	John H. Lee
168	aMerritt	Welland	J. R. Boyd	L. R. Brennan
169	aMacnab	Port Colborne	J. F. Steed	W. A. Hicks
170	aBritannia	Seaforth	Thos. McMillan	C. Aberhart
171	aPrince of Wales	Lawrence Sta	W. G. Lumley	R. G. Little
172	Ayr	Ayr	A. P. Hampel	W. H. Shaw
174	aWalsingham	Port Rowan	F. Reeves, Jr	J. E. Biddle
177	The Builders	Ottawa	J. R. Howie	J. J. McGill
178	aPlattsville	Plattsville	J. B. English	John Bristow
180	aSpeed	Guelph	W. C. Whetstone	Bard Whetstone
181	aOriental	Port Burwell	S. H. Armstrong	Rev. L. W. Diehl
184	aOld Light	Lucknow	Geo. T. Aitchison	R. V. McKenzie
185	aEnniskillen	York	B. Martindale	E. S. Bradt
186	aPlantagenet	Riceville	G. H. Kelly	G. A. Ryan
190	Belmont	Belmont	R. J. Ferguson	J. F. Turner
192	aOrillia	Orillia	Robt. Swinton	Wm. J. Boyle
193	aScotland	Scotland	A. E. Bonham	C. W. Stuart
194	aPetrolia	Petrolia	John Bradley	J. R. Steadman
195	aTuscan	London	S. M. Kennedy	B. H. Higgins
196	Madawaska	Arnprior	P. H. Gardiner	Henry Newham
197	aSangeen	Walkerton	D. J. Krampp	C. T. Boss
200	St. Alban's	Mount Forest	S. J. Short	G. F. S. LeWarne
201	aLeeds	Gananoque	S. McGranahan	A. L. Knight
203	Irvine	Elora	Wm. C. Murray	R. D. Cardno
205	New Dominion	New Hamburg	Clayton Ingold	W. A. Ruthig
207	aLancaster	Lancaster	F. C. McLennan	Jas. McArthur
209	aEvergreen	Lanark	R. H. McIlquham	Robt. Wilson
209a	aSt. John's	London	R. J. Wilson	Edwin Smith
215	Lake	Ameliasburg	John A. Black	H. E. Redner
216	aHarris	Orangeville	C. V. Jeffers	John Norris
217	aFrederick	Delhi	T. E. Gingell	Max Macpherson
218	aStevenson	Toronto	Harold Carr	H. C. H. Corneil
219	aCredit	Georgetown	H. R. Mimms	Geo. Ford
220	Zeredatha	Uxbridge	H. H. Mulligan	V. M. Hare
221	aMountain	Thorold	Chas. E. Weaver	W. J. Mable
222	aMarmora	Marmora	H. F. Berry	D. E. Bell
223	aNorwood	Norwood	C. H. Hutchinson	J. F. Pearce
224	Zurich	Hensall	A. J. McKinnon	A. W. E. Hemphill
225	aBernard	Listowel	Wm. Spence	J. H. Blackmore
228	aPrince Arthur	Odessa	Earl Clark	E. S. Parrott
229	aIonic	Brampton	O. A. Peaker	R. V. Conover
230	Kerr	Barrie	D. F. McCuaig	D. W. Emms
231	Lodge of Fidelity	Ottawa	R. McElroy	Robt. Shaw

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146	Wed. bef. F.M	4	7	8	.....	3	2	.....	.....	.....	1	88
147	1st Friday	7	4	4	.....	2	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	159
148	2nd Tuesday	6	5	6	8	2	3	3	.....	.....	1	352
149	Mon. on or bef. F.M	13	13	13	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	1	148
151	2nd Tuesday	9	13	11	2	6	4	3	.....	.....	.....	381
153	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	5	6	3	1	2	2	1	.....	.....	.....	133
154	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	10	9	9	.....	.....	2	1	.....	.....	.....	119
155	1st Friday	16	15	15	2	2	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	369
156	3rd Friday	16	19	18	1	4	4	17	.....	.....	.....	429
157	Tues. on or bef. F.M	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	85
158	Thurs. on or after F.M.	2	8	10	.....	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	89
159	Tues. on or bef. F M	1	1	1	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	81
161	1st Wednesday	17	15	13	2	4	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	135
162	Mon. on or bef. F.M	3	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	71
164	Tues. on or bef. F.M	.....	.....	.....	1	2	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	134
165	Wed. on or bef. F.M	14	14	10	3	4	6	7	.....	.....	1	240
166	Mon. on or bef. F.M	14	12	9	1	2	5	1	.....	.....	.....	283
168	Mon. on or bef. F.M	6	10	11	3	4	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	252
169	2nd Tuesday	4	4	4	3	.....	1	8	.....	.....	.....	199
170	1st Monday	2	4	4	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	144
171	Fri. on or bef. F.M	4	4	4	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	53
172	2nd Monday	4	5	6	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	91
174	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	7	3	3	3	1	2	1	.....	.....	4	127
177	2nd Friday	6	6	6	5	.....	6	7	.....	.....	.....	421
178	Fri. on or bef. F.M	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	63
180	1st Tuesday	17	13	16	3	6	2	13	.....	.....	2	328
181	Tues. on or bef. F.M	5	4	3	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70
184	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	3	5	5	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	171
185	Mon. on or bef. F.M	1	1	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	68
186	Mon. on or bef. F.M	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	59
190	Fri. on or bef. F.M	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	109
192	1st Friday	12	13	17	1	1	5	6	.....	.....	1	428
193	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	5	3	3	1	2	2	8	.....	.....	5	127
194	2nd Wednesday	8	12	10	.....	1	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	220
195	1st Monday	7	7	7	10	1	3	1	.....	.....	.....	315
196	2nd Monday	6	6	4	4	1	7	3	.....	.....	.....	165
197	2nd Tuesday	7	10	11	1	2	3	2	.....	.....	.....	162
200	Fri. on or bef. F.M	5	5	3	.....	1	.....	3	.....	.....	1	117
201	Tues. on or bef. F.M	5	7	9	2	2	1	2	.....	.....	2	265
203	3rd Friday	6	4	5	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	128
205	Mon. after F.M	5	4	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	61
207	Tues. on or bef. F.M	1	1	2	2	3	2	7	.....	.....	1	110
209	1st Tuesday	2	3	6	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	93
209a	1st Friday	17	13	13	3	4	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	649
215	Mon. on or bef. F.M	3	1	2	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	111
216	1st Tuesday	4	2	1	3	1	2	6	.....	.....	.....	242
217	Mon. on or bef. F.M	1	1	1	1	1	4	2	.....	.....	1	90
218	2nd Monday	4	4	5	.....	4	5	5	.....	.....	.....	372
219	2nd Friday	5	3	3	3	4	.....	13	.....	.....	4	160
220	Mon. on or bef. F.M	8	4	4	1	2	2	3	.....	.....	3	213
221	2nd Thursday	7	7	6	1	2	.....	7	.....	.....	2	271
222	3rd Monday	8	3	3	2	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	135
223	Mon. on or bef. F.M	2	4	3	1	1	1	4	.....	.....	.....	101
224	Mon. on or bef. F.M	3	4	4	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....	1	95
225	Fr . on or bef. F.M	10	10	7	3	.....	3	2	.....	.....	.....	240
228	Mon. on or after F.M	.....	2	3	1	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	109
229	3rd Tuesday	7	8	3	3	3	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	257
230	3rd Friday	8	4	4	4	2	2	.....	.....	.....	1	328
231	3rd Tuesday	5	7	6	.....	1	6	5	.....	.....	2	416

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No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
232	aCameron	Dutton	A. L. Crawford	M. S. Claus
233	Doric	Parkhill	H. C. Campbell	J. H. Young
234	aBeaver	Clarksburg	Asa A. Weller	Thos. G. Idle
235	Aldworth	Paisley	J. D. Potts	H. McKerracher
236	aManitoba	Cookstown	Ernest Morrison	T. McKnight
237	Vienna	Vienna	A. D. Humphrey	S. S. Clutton
238	Havelock	Watford	T. L. McCormick	Peter Garson
239	Tweed	Tweed	A. H. Lloyd	G. C. D. Morton
242	aMacoy	Mallorytown	R. B. Turner	A. Votier
243	aSt. George	St George	P. N. Kitchen	W. J. Scott
245	aTecumseh	Thamesville	John A. Dick	J. M. Coutts
247	aAshlar	Toronto	A. J. Walker	W. H. Lyon
249	aCaledonian	Midland	F. D. Campbell	W. H. Thornton
250	Thistle	Embro	Alex. Walkett	D. J. McLeod
253	aMinden	Kingston	C. J. Brunke	R. S. Graham
254	aClifton	Niagara Falls	G. A. Liddle	J. C. Lymburner
255	Sydenham	Dresden	E. R. Paling	John French
256	aFarran's Point	Aultsville	Claude Hanes	F. T. Shaver
257	aGalt	Galt	Geo. A. Hickox	E. F. Hetherington
258	Guelph	Guelph	Howard Campbell	F. F. Sweetman
259	Springfield	Springfield	Jas. A. Mitchell	Stanley Simpson
260	aWashington	Petrolia	J. R. Clubb	H. F. Winter
261	aOak Branch	Innerkip	P. G. Strong	J. S. Hislop
262	aHarriston	Harriston	D. H. Hart	H. J. Hucks
263	aForest	Forest	Roy J. Paisley	R. B. Crosbie
264	aChaudiere	Ottawa	Geo. A. Aikin	Henry Gates
265	Patterson	Thornhill	Sidney Davies	J. A. Thompson
266	aNorthern Light	Stayner	O. G. Bernhardt	Geo. A. Clemence
267	Parthenon	Chatham	Rich. L. French	J. G. Martin
268	aVerulam	Bobcaygeon	A. R. Bottum	Harry Stinson
269	aBrougham Union	Claremont	N. F. Tomlinson	D. M. Morgan
270	aCedar	Oshawa	E. F. Farron	M. L. Argall
271	Wellington	Erin	R. D. Nodwell	T. C. Foster
272	Seymour	Ancaster	J. G. Morrison	E. McMullen
274	aKent	Blenheim	C. H. Brundrett	A. R. Williams
276	aTeeswater	Teeswater	Robt. J. Mann	G. S. Fowler
277	aSeymour	Port Dalhousie	M. J. Gordon	Thos. O. Johnston
279	aNew Hope	Hespeler	J. V. Entwistle	Arthur Pullam
282	Lorne	Glencoe	Wm. T. May	C. G. Yorke
283	aEureka	Belleville	F. W. D. Wiggins	W. J. Diamond
284	St. John's	Brussels	Robt. Bowman	Wm. Gillespie
285	Seven Star	Alliston	F. O. Moore	W. Caesar
286	Wingham	Wingham	G. L. Brackenbury	T. M. Smith
287	aShuniah	Port Arthur	R. C. Addison	A. P. Freed
289	aDoric	Lobo	John McGugan	P. L. Graham
290	aLeamington	Leamington	B. E. Ellis	G. A. Campbell
291	aDufferin	W. Flamboro'	J. L. Beeching	Wesley Green
292	aRobertson	King	Wm. J. Badger	Fred E. Boys
294	aMoore	Courtright	R. C. Noyle	C. W. Kent
295	aConestogo	Drayton	C. W. Tack	Calvert Scarr
296	aTemple	St. Catharines	Walter D. Hoyles	C. A. Brown
297	Preston	Preston	M. H. Hagey	Jos. A. King
299	Victoria	Centreville	Geo. H. Barham	H. A. Carscallen
300	aMount Olivet	Thorndale	Clarence Barter	R. H. Harding
302	St. David's	St. Thomas	Gladstone Whitworth	W. H. Stapleton
303	aBlyth	Blyth	S. A. Poplestone	Robt. S. Pate
304	aMinerva	Stroud	Geo. A. Martin	G. W. Hewson
305	Humber	Weston	F. G. Beardall	A. E. Scythes
306	Durham	Durham	C. H. Moffatt	E. A. Hay

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232	3rd Tuesday	3	3	3		4		8				119
233	Tue. on or bef. F.M	5	6	4	1	1	1					153
234	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	4	2	2		2	2					103
235	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	3	3	4		1	1	3				136
236	Tue. on or aft. F.M.	2	3	2		1	1					133
237	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	3			2	6			5	108
238	Tuesday bef. F.M.	7	8	7	1	1	3					113
239	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	3	5	8		1	4					169
242	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	1	1	1			1				1	137
243	1st Tuesday	1	1	2			1	5				91
245	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	8	9	10	2	5	1					146
247	4th Tuesday	5	3	3	3	7	2	9				423
249	1st Monday	10	7	5	2			7				305
250	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	7	7	7	1		1	5				149
253	1st Tuesday	22	20	18	1	4	4				2	349
254	1st Thursday	10	10	11	3	1	6	12			1	506
255	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	5	1	2	1	2				156
256	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	5	5	4			2					117
257	1st Tuesday	9	6	6	2	5	5	7				296
258	2nd Tuesday	11	12	14	1	1	3	6			1	325
259	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	7	9	8	1		1					180
260	1st Wednesday	11	10	10	1	2	1	3				204
261	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	3	3	4								53
262	2nd Monday	4	3	3	1		4	4			2	123
263	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	6	7	7	2		1					172
264	4th Tuesday	10	16	16	4	3	8	9			4	415
265	3rd Thursday	3	4	5			1					152
266	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	4	2	7	1	2	1	1				91
267	1st Wednesday	16	20	15			7	1				520
268	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	6	5	2	1	2		1				101
269	Wed. on or before F.M.	9	3	4		2	3	1			1	114
270	4th Tuesday	19	23	9	3	1	2					324
271	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	1	2	3			2	1				111
272	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	7	7	5	1							217
274	Mon on or bef. F.M.	19	16	11	4	4	2				1	220
276	4th Thursday	2	6	8		1	1					89
277	2nd Wednesday	5	5	4	1		1	5				128
279	2nd Monday	1	1	3			1					141
282	2nd Tuesday	5	2	3		3	2	5				135
283	2nd Wednesday	10	9	7		2	5					304
284	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	7	10	9			2					129
285	2nd Monday	8	8	12	2	3		3			1	185
286	1st Tuesday	5	4	2		3	1				1	162
287	1st Tuesday	17	19	17	1	7	4	6			3	485
289	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	7	7	7		2	3					128
290	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	15	14	11	4	3	3				1	334
291	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.						2	3			1	136
292	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	4	4	1		1					1	92
294	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	2	1	2	2					94
295	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	5	5	7		2	1					127
296	3rd Wednesday	18	14	28	13	2	3	15				364
297	3rd Friday	4	4	5		5	1					173
299	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	2			1				1	82
300	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	1	1	1		2	4					85
302	3rd Thurs.	18	18	20	5	7	7	7			2	494
303	Tues. on or aft. F.M.		1	1		2	1	1				100
304	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	9	8	8		2		3				169
305	4th Friday	8	10	12	3	3	2					230
306	2nd Tuesday	6	9	11	1							154

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No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
307	aArkona	Arkona	B. F. Muma	Chas. Dickison
309	aMorning Star	Carlow	Frank Wilson	Thos. H. Wilson
311	aBlackwood	Woodbridge	L. H. Leach	S. W. Mayhew
312	aPnyx	Wallaceburg	T. M. Irwin	D. F. Johnson
313	aClementi	Lakefield	Wm. G. Morrison	J. S. Montgomery
314	aBlair	Palmerston	C. P. Fair	R. A. Barton
315	Clifford	Clifford	Wm. Fulton	E. Eckenswiller
316	aDoric	Toronto	Geo. W. Crosby	Geo. W. Wilson
318	aWilmot	Baden	A. D. Robertson	A. E. Livingston
319	aHiram	Hagersville	C. K. Holmes	W. C. Van Loon
320	aChesterville	Chesterville	E. L. Brouskill	S. H. Hutt
321	aWalker	Acton	W. H. Hortop	R. M. McDonald
322	aNorth Star	Owen Sound	Irving Sutherland	A. A. Parks
323	aAlvinston	Alvinston	P. P. Winn	Jas. Holme
324	aTemple	Hamilton	E. L. Isard	H. B. Jackson
325	Orono	Orono	E. G. Power	Neil Colville
326	aZetland	Toronto	Jas. Gilchrist	F. G. Logan
327	Hammond	Wardsville	John A. McDonald	J. H. Miller
328	Ionic	Napier	E. C. Freer	W. T. Buchanan
329	aKing Solomon's	Jarvis	D. J. Deller	R. W. Smith
330	aCorinthian	London	W. A. Hunter	H. J. Childs
331	Fordwich	Fordwich	John Sangster	A. C. Hutchison
332	Stratford	Stratford	W. A. Wilson	E. Denroche
333	Prince Arthur	Flesherton	W. G. Watson	C. F. Lawrence
334	aPrince Arthur	Arthur	Benson Foster	W. G. Gorvett
336	aHighgate	Highgate	J. H. McKillop	J. G. Montgomery
337	aMyrtle	Port Robinson	F. H. M. Hardy	Chas. S. Ross
338	Dufferin	Wellandport	Dr. G. A. Jordan	Chas. Gilmore
339	aOrient	Toronto	Chas. Collard	H. D. Ashley
341	aBruce	Tiverton	J. A. McKinnon	A. D. McLaren
343	Georgina	Toronto	A. R. Haviland	Geo. Thompson
344	Merrill	Dorchester	Wm. Thompson	R. A. Logan
345	Nilestown	Nilestown	John G. Green	John F. Johnson
346	aOccident	Occident	H. Gadsby	Wm. M. Williams
347	aMercer	Fergus	J. C. Macdonald	Peter Perry
348	aGeorgian	Penetanguishene	B. A. Blackwell	R. D. Keefe
352	aGranite	Parry Sound	Wm. E. Buckerfield	J. D. Broughton
354	Brock	Cannington	T. D. Bell	C. F. Bick
356	aRiver Park	Streetsville	Arthur Berrell	R. M. Woodruff
357	Waterdown	Millgrove	N. L. Mills	John A. Dalton
358	aDelaware Valley	Delaware	H. E. Weyler	S. Merrill
359	aVittoria	Vittoria	Whitney Jones	John Pow
360	aMuskoka	Bracebridge	Fred G. Mills	W. G. Gerhart
361	aWaverley	Guelph	J. W. Benham	W. Simpson
362	aMaple Leaf	Tara	Geo. H. Munson	R. J. Shannon
364	aDufferin	Melbourne	H. B. Brodie	Geo. J. Stevenson
367	aSt. George	Toronto	L. W. Trinnell	A. B. Hutchcroft
368	aSalem	Brockville	Wm. H. Nute	E. A. Geiger
369	aMimico	Lambton Mills	S. P. Swanwick	W. A. Beecroft
370	Harmony	Delta	Wm. A. Sherwood	H. E. Johnson
371	aPrince of Wales	Ottawa	J. M. Jackson	H. J. Sykes
372	aPalmer	Bridgeburg	Peter Gordon	Wm. G. Stamp
373	aCopestone	Welland	W. Malcolm	Alf. Tattersall
374	aKeene	Keene	S. M. Comrie	R. D. Comrie
375	aLorne	Omemee	R. M. Moore	W. J. Thorn
376	Unity	Huntsville	G. F. Hutcheson	Oscar Wieler
377	Lorne	Shelburne	A. H. Jelly	Samuel Patterson
378	aKing Solomon's	London	Stephen Merrett	Wm. Nicholls
379	aMiddlesex	Bryanston	Walter Parkinson	Thos. R. Smibert

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307	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	8	6	2				1				79
309	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	4	3	4			1	2				91
311	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	5	5	5	2	4	1	1				89
312	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	8	7	6	1		2				1	214
313	1st Tuesday	4	3	6		2	1	1				142
314	2nd Friday	7	6	7	2		1					169
315	3rd Monday	2	2	2		2						78
316	3rd Thursday	11	12	14	2	6	9	17			3	485
318	Fri. on or after F.M.	1	1	1	1	2	2					36
319	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	11	11	11	1	2	2	11			3	191
320	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	1	1	1		2	2	3				120
321	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	4	6	9	2	5		5				136
322	Wed. after F.M.	12	11	11	3	3	5					279
323	Wed. on bef. F. M.	2	2	3			1	1				94
324	2nd Tuesday	20	19	21	2		12	11			1	595
325	Thur. on or bef. F. M.			3		1		3				82
326	4th Friday	11	11	12	4	5	9	3			2	662
327	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	2	2	2								67
328	Fri. on or bef. F. M.					1						69
329	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	3	3	3	2	3	1				1	91
330	1st Tuesday	11	6	6		4	2	7			2	375
331	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	2	1	1		1					1	63
332	2nd Monday	4	4	7	3	4	4	6			3	352
333	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	8	10	9	4		1					135
334	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	2		1		1					1	79
336	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	6	6	7		1						111
337	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	6	6	7	1		1	1				90
338	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	9	8	6	1	3	3					80
339	1st. Tuesday	11	10	19	3	8	6	9			7	458
341	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	7	5	2			1					77
343	1st Saturday	16	12	10	2	6	6	9				509
344	1st Thursday	4	2	2		1	1	2				88
345	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	6	5	5	1	2	1	7				105
346	3rd Wednesday	13	6	6	1	7	8	8			3	590
347	1st Friday	4	4	2		4	1	1				118
348	1st Thursday	1	1	1		2		1				131
352	3rd Wednesday	17	13	13	1	1	4	10				293
354	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	7	5	2	1	1	2					93
356	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	8	7	4		1	1					135
357	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	5	4	2		1	2	2				200
358	Thurs. on aft. F.M.	10	7	6	1		3	5			1	73
359	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	5	5	3				1				84
360	1st Tuesday	6	4	2	1	2						142
361	4th Monday	14	12	13	4	10	6	3			2	414
362	Mon. on or bef. F. M.				2	4		1				84
364	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	3	4	5		1		6				75
367	1st Friday	8	12	13	3	3	5	13			2	486
368	2nd Monday	7	7	11	1	2	6	8				300
369	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	16	22	17	4	4	1	7				269
370	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	9	12	13	1	1	1	2				105
371	4th Friday	10	4	6	2	3	3	5				352
372	1st Tuesday	8	8	8	3	4	9	3				178
373	1st Thursday	10	14	15	2	2	1	10				262
374	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	3	3	3		1	2	1				40
375	1st Thursday	6	4	5	2	1	1					112
376	2nd Wednesday	7	7	9	1	2	2	7			3	185
377	1st Friday	1	3	4	1	3	2	2			3	135
378	2nd Thursday	30	28	30	7	5	1	5			2	473
379	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	2				1		5			2	69

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380	aUnion	London	H. S. Easton	Jos. Ward
382	aDoric	Hamilton	E. B. Pepper	Dr. C. V. Emory
383	Henderson	Winchester	J. F. Gibson	A. H. Annable
384	aAlpha	Toronto	L. R. Lellis	E. J. Voss
385	aSpry	Beeton	G. A. Baycroft	Thos. Knowles
386	aMcColl	West Lorne	Hugh J. Turner	A. Smith
387	aLansdowne	Lansdowne	W. J Webster	G. H. Landon
388	aHenderson	Ilderton	W. F. Walls	Raw Carter
389	aCrystal Fountain	N. Augusta	Stanley Hough	Wm. W. Bobier
390	aFlorence	Florence	L. J. Hartwick	Jas. Beatty
391	aHoward	Ridgetown	Kelso F. Alexander	T. A. Rutledge
392	aHuron	Camlachie	J. E. Cairns	John Ferguson
393	Forest	Chesley	J. J. McKinnon	Robt. J. Gillies
394	aKing Solomon's	Thamesford	H. J. Hogg	W. W. Day
395	Parvaim	Comber	Harry Lee	L. Dean
396	aCedar	Wiarton	J. Macartney	J. D. Ewing
397	aLeopold	Brigden	Allan Bruce	A. D. Armstrong
398	Victoria	Kirkfield	N. W. MacMillan	J. D. MacMillan
399	Moffat	Harrietsville	Chas. A. Hoyle	John MacVicar
400	aOakville	Oakville	Dr. John C. Duff	E. O. Taylor
401	aCraig	Deseronto	V. G. Pearce	W. J. Bowen
402	Central	Essex	Dr. W. O. Laing	H. W. McGill
403	aWindsor	Windsor	D. D. Burns	A. N. Pettit
404	aLorne	Tamworth	J. R. Adair	John A. Brown
405	Mattawa	Mattawa	J. H. Spec	A. I. Tongue
406	aSpry	Fenelon Falls	F. M. Graham	H. J. Townley
408	aMurray	Beaverton	Angus Gilchrist	W. C. Latimer
409	aGolden Rule	Gravenhurst	S. McT. Jackson	W. H. Butterworth
410	aZeta	Toronto	E. J. Grigg	W. E. Robson
411	aRodney	Rodney	J. R. Bandeen	J. B. Stinson
412	aKeystone	Sault Ste. Marie	Hugh Smyth	E. M. Shaw
413	aNaphtali	Tilbury	H. C. Cranston	G. Z. Vickerman
414	Pequonga	Kenora	David Jordon	Jas. B. Davis
415	aFort William	Fort William	Edward Hewitt	C. E. Coombes
416	Lyn	Lyn	C. Booth	F. Stafford
417	aKeewatin	Keewatin	Jas. W. Gordon	P. E. Baker
418	aMaxville	Maxville	Hugh Blair	W. S. McLean
419	aLiberty	Sarnia	Jas. Foster	W. J. Alcock
420	Nipissing	North Bay	D. T. Millard	Dr. B. F. Nott
421	aScott	Grand Valley	H. W. Baker	W. A. Wansbrough
422	Star of the East	Bothwell	F. G. Patterson	H. B. Hankinson
423	aStrong	Sundridge	M. J. Gulley	A. M. Church
424	aDoric	Pickering	Geo. G. Coultice	C. A. Sterritt
425	aSt. Clair	Sombra	M. A. Dalgety	A. McRitchie
426	aStanley	Toronto	Samuel A. Ash	Wm. Harris
427	aNickel	Sudbury	A. C. Mudge	Jos. Fowler
428	Fidelity	Port Perry	H. T. Williams	Geo. R. Davey
429	aPort Elgin	Port Elgin	J. W. Reinhart	A. L. Wyant
430	aAcacia	Toronto	Arch. E. Gubb	E. Pickles
431	Moravian	Cargill	J. A. Gregg	M. L. Ziegler
432	Hanover	Hanover	A. E. Ball	J. A. Magee
433	aBonnechere	Eganville	J. M. Joynt	R. G. Bowland
434	Algonquin	Emsdale	Blake Sine	Jas. Metcalfe
435	aHavelock	Havelock	A. C. Denike	H. F. McNichol
436	aBurns	Hepworth	W. F. Brown	C. W. Sinclair
437	aTuscan	Sarnia	H. D. Turnbull	W. J. Barrie
438	aHarmony	Toronto	H. W. Short	Thos. Robertson
439	Alexandria	Alexandria	R. W. Cameron	H. L. Cheney
440	Arcadia	Minden	Mark S. McKay	Wilmer Macarthur
441	aWestport	Westport	Jas. F. McGuire	John D. Adams

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380	2nd Monday	12	11	11		4	3	6			2	382
382	3rd Monday	30	23	21	3	6	8	6				556
383	1st Wednesday	9	10	8	2			3			2	113
384	1st Thursday	28	30	31	1	4	13	5			2	678
385	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	5	5	4	2	1		2				94
386	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	9	7	7	3	3	4					180
387	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	3	4	4			1	2				92
388	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	6	5	4	2	2		2				115
389	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	2	4	2			2					91
390	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	5	4	6			1					91
391	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	14	15	8	5	2	3	9			5	177
392	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	2	1	1		1	1	1			1	106
393	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	3	4	5		2	2	4				124
394	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	3	3	3		1	2					123
395	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	2	3	4		1						86
396	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	7	7	8	3	4	2	14			1	169
397	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	6	6	5	1	2						127
398	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	6	6	3		1						102
399	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	1	1	1	1	1						78
400	1st Tuesday	3	4	5	2	5						242
401	1st Tuesday	3	2	1		2		1			2	125
402	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	5	3	4	3		1					192
403	1st Friday	33	36	39	1	5	8	43			9	604
404	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	1	1	2		2	1				2	71
405	1st Tuesday	2	2	2			1	10				104
406	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	5	5	3	1	2	2					109
408	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	8	7	7			1					135
409	2nd Monday	5	5	3	1	1	1	1				147
410	4th Friday	18	24	23		5	3	3				489
411	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	9	11	10	3		4				1	121
412	1st Tuesday	11	12	7	4	10	4	8			2	461
413	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	5	5	4		2	2					110
414	1st Wednesday	6	5	5		6	6				1	291
415	2nd Wednesday	15	17	14	8	7	6	7			1	416
416	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	3	4	3		1	3					56
417	1st Friday	2	2	2								123
418	2nd Friday	2	2	2				8				114
419	2nd Monday	13	11	8	1	4	3	5			1	178
420	2nd Monday	15	9	6	2		6				1	322
421	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	2	1	1	1	4	2					89
422	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	4	2	2	1	1	1					104
423	3rd Monday	1	2	2		1	1					108
424	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	7	5	3	1			1				78
425	Tue on or bef. F. M.	2	3	4			3	5				104
426	1st Tuesday	11	9	11	1	11	6	6			1	540
427	1st Wednesday	5	10	10	4	7	2	6			2	344
428	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	8	9	6	1	3	3	9			3	174
429	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	5	4	3	1	1						91
430	3rd Monday	17	15	11		6	2	5			3	375
431	3rd Monday	2	2	2	2		1	2			3	53
432	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	2	3	5	3	2						127
433	2nd Monday	6	4	3			2	2				111
434	Tue. on or aft. F. M.	4	4	3		3	1	2				134
435	3rd Monday	4	5	5	1	1	1				4	169
436	Tue. on or aft F. M.	4	4	4								88
437	3rd Wednesday	14	10	12	7	3	7				1	466
438	4th Monday	18	22	22	1	2	1	12			2	499
439	Tue. on or aft F. M.	1	1	3		1		3			2	88
440	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	7	7	6			3					101
441	1st Friday	2	1	1		4	1					89

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No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
442	aDyment	Thessalon	Malcolm Clark	John O. Coulter
443	aPowassan	Powassan	C. H. A. Perkins	W. C. Porter
444	aNitetis	Creemore	J. M. Gabriel	W. A. Helmkay
445	aLake of the Woods	Kenora	W. H. Dickinson	W. Boquist
446	aGranite	Fort Frances	N. S. Marsh	J. R. Angus
447	Sturgeon Falls	Sturgeon Falls	James Lillie	W. C. Pedlar
448	aXenophon	Wheatley	Jas. E. Dales	Jas. D. McGregor
449	Dundalk	Dundalk	H. G. Marshall	L. C. Champ
450	aHawkesbury	Hawkesbury	Alex. Seay	Geo. A. Cass
451	aSomerville	Kinmount	A. A. Williamson	C. W. Wellstood
452	aAvonmore	Avonmore	Jno. W. Shaver	S. E. Shaver
453	Royal	Fort William	Chas. E. Wright	F. C. Perry
454	Corona	Burk's Falls	Chas. W. Sharpe	J. J. Wilson
455	Doric	Little Current	Chas. McDonald	O. T. Bennett
456	Elma	Monkton	Alfred Ullner	C. W. Hobbs
457	aCentury	Merlin	Chas. Tasker	John Holmes
458	aWales	Wales	Hugh P. Hayes	Geo. D. Colquhoun
459	aCobden	Cobden	H. C. Morris	H. M. Shields
460	aRideau	Seeley's Bay	Robt. J. Niblock	J. R. Hartley
461	aIonic	Rainy River	L. D. Hickey	A. R. Nash
462	Temiskaming	New Liskeard	Jas. G. McMillan	J. H. Brown
463	North Entrance	Haliburton	Wesley Baker	Fred Jones
464	King Edward	Sunderland	G. E. Bagshaw	L. M. Pinkham
465	aCarleton	Carp	P. J. Morris	Geo. A. Moore
466	aCoronation	Elmvale	Duncan Corcoran	F. C. Bishop
467	aTottenham	Tottenham	S. G. Napier	J. J. McKnight
468	Peel	Caledon East	Wm. B. Cannon	J. W. Phillips
469	aAlgoma	Sault Ste. Marie	S. Goodwin	J. Dudley
470	aVictoria	Victoria Harbor	Earl Vanbuskirk	J. P. Schissler
471	aKing Edward VII	Chippawa	D. O. Rowe	E. G. McKenzie
472	aGore Bay	Gore Bay	Dr. A. O. Hinds	E. W. Davis
473	aThe Beaches	Toronto	Geo. E. Dodd	S. J. Manchester
474	aVictoria	Toronto	W. A. Lappage	W. J. Wadsworth
475	aDundurn	Hamilton	T. R. Huxtable	Geo. Milne
476	aCorinthian	North Gower	M. J. Haggins	F. L. Brownlee
477	aHarding	Woodville	Arch. Jewell	J. J. Ruan
478	aMilverton	Milverton	P. L. Tye	E. Seigner
479	aRussell	Russell	J. A. Mitchell	J. A. Gamble
480	aWilliamsburg	Williamsburg	M. S. Beckstead	J. A. Barkley
481	aCorinthian	Toronto	Wm. McBeth	W. H. Hunter
482	aBancroft	Bancroft	John Churcher	Wm. G. Broad
483	aGranton	Granton	C. McRoberts	W. H. Foster
484	Golden Star	Dryden	F. Foulis	A. E. Berrey
485	aHaileybury	Haileybury	J. H. McFarlane	J. T. Leishman
486	aSilver	Cobalt	H. Phelps	A. K. Roberts
487	aPenewobikong	Blind River	R. H. Anderson	Geo. J. McArthur
488	aKing Edward	Harrow	A. T. Grieve	R. C. Flood
489	Osiris	Smith's Falls	C. A. Patterson	J. W. Gray
490	aHiram	Markdale	S. J. Edgerton	R. B. Brady
491	aCardinal	Cardinal	Fred. Serviss	W. T. Kingston
492	aKarnak	Coldwater	Edward Haskell	H. Elliott
493	aSt. Marys	St. Mary's	F. R. Chappell	A. E. Parkinson
494	aRiverdale	Toronto	Thos. Windsor	J. M. Malcolm
495	aElectric	Hamilton	Thos. Dawson	W. F. Montague
496	aUniversity	Toronto	C. E. Higginbottom	C. S. Gulston
497	aSt. Andrew's	Arden	J. E. Hughes	T. J. Alexander
498	aKing George V	Coboconk	Roy Graham	Chas. M. Callan
499	aPort Arthur	Port Arthur	S. H. Green	A. Rome
500	aRose	Windsor	F. H. Cooper	H. M. Gard

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No. of Lodge	Night of Meeting	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	Resigned	Dead	Suspend. N.P.D.	Suspend. U.M.C.	Expelled	Restored	Total Members
442	2nd Thursday	1	4	6	1		2					135
443	2nd Friday	6	6	6		1	2				1	117
444	Tue. on or aft. F. M.	4	7	7		6	1					96
445	2nd Wednesday	8	8	10	1	2	1	1				98
446	1st Tuesday	17	14	13	1	1	6	11			1	193
447	2nd Thursday	3	3	4		1	2	3				94
448	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	9	14	13		3					2	88
449	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	3	3	3			2					105
450	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	4	5	5			1	3				100
451	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	3	1	1		1				74
452	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	6	7	6			2	2				90
453	1st Wednesday	5	6	8		1	2				2	241
454	2nd Monday	2	4	4		2	1					139
455	2nd Tuesday	3	5	5	1			2				99
456	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	1	1	1		1	2	1				63
457	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	7	8	9	1	1		7			1	138
458	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	1				3						122
459	2nd Tuesday	9	7	3		1	3				1	128
460	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	1	1	2		1	2	3				70
461	1st Thursday	8	5	4	1		1	1			3	124
462	3rd. Thursday	2	4	6		3	2	9			5	164
463	3rd Thursday	3	4	3				1				93
464	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	5	10	7	1	2					1	103
465	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	2		2					1	74
466	1st. Friday	9	7	7	1		1					113
467	Mon. on or aft. F.M.	3	4	5		2	2					73
468	Fri. on or aft. F.M.	6	7	7	2	1	3	1				122
469	1st Monday	8	6	14		5	2					313
470	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	1	1	3		2	2	6			2	127
471	1st Wednesday	15	10	9	1	1	1					116
472	1st Wednesday	3	3	2	2		2					116
473	2nd Friday	10	12	12	4	2	3	3				304
474	3rd Tuesday	8	8	13	5	4	3	9			1	437
475	3rd Saturday	22	23	22	7	1	3	7			3	588
476	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	1		3	2					90
477	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	1	2	5		3	2					86
478	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	2	1	3		1	1					95
479	Mon. on or aft. F.M.	4	4	2		1					1	153
480	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	1			2			4				57
481	4th Thursday	19	12	11	1	5	4	8				337
482	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	15	14	9	1	2	2	6			4	179
483	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	9	9	9		3	1	4				75
484	2nd Tuesday	5	3					7			2	122
485	1st Thursday	5	2	4	2	5					1	211
486	1st Monday	12	10	11	1		4				2	281
487	2nd Monday	4	4	3		1						86
488	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	6	7	9	2		3					147
489	Friday aft. F.M.	7	9	10		3		1			1	162
490	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	4	3	6		2						69
491	1st Friday	1				4	1					93
492	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	4	4	3		1	2	3				103
493	4th Monday	4	4	4	1	6	2					166
494	4th Friday	10	8	11	4	3	1	12			6	408
495	3rd Wednesday	25	29	25	1	5	6				3	597
496	2nd Wednesday	12	15	12	4	11	3	9			3	442
497	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	12	8	1								107
498	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	4	3	3		2	4					88
499	2nd Monday	13	12	9		1	1	5			2	332
500	2nd Wednesday	15	11	11		2		17			1	163

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No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
501	aConnaught	Mimico	G. C. Brown	E. G. Borkett
502	Coronation	Smithville	C. A. Merritt	F. G. Ward
503	aInwood	Inwood	John S. Maddock	Wm. A. Graham
504	Otter	Lombardy	Geo. S. Robb	E. W. Joynt
505	aLynden	Lynden	N. C. Harris	Stewart Macdonald
506	aPorcupine	S. Porcupine	Geo. R. Starling	Geo. E. Cole
507	aElk Lake	Elk Lake	Geo. F. Barkhouse	H. M. Somerville
508	aOzias	Brantford	Rev. J. N. H. Mills	Jas. S. Rowe
509	Twin City	Kitchener	E. Wackett	Geo. DeKleinhans
510	aParkdale	Toronto	Norman Blanchard	J. H. Mills
511	aConnaught	W. Fort William	W. T. Burton	Alex. Harris
512	Malone	Sutton W.	W. H. Pugsley	). J. Silver
513	aCorinthian	Hamilton	David McLean	J. R. Croft
514	aSt. Alban's	Toronto	Geo. W. McRae	W. Hughes
515	aReba	Brantford	B. J. Lang	S. W. Seago
516	aEnterprise	Beachburg	Jas. C. Headrick	P. C. Creeggan
517	aHazeldean	Hazeldean	J. R. McGuire	G. S. Stanley
518	aSioux Lookout	Sioux Lookout	Geo. Yorke	W. T. Cameron
519	aOnondaga	Onondaga	D. B. Campbell	A. A. Barton
520	aCoronati	Toronto	W. F. Bosley	J. T. Stephenson
521	aOntario	Windsor	F. E. Brown	A. R. Graham
522	aMount Sinai	Toronto	A. Clavir	C. E. Garrard
523	aRoyal Arthur	Peterborough	E. J. H. Vanstone	G. E. Haley
524	aMississauga	Port Credit	R. E. Malpass	W. M. Gemmell
525	aTemple	Toronto	E. A. Dalton	John F. Judge
526	aIonic	Westboro'	Percy Daniels	P. E. Watters
527	aEspanola	Espanola	L. N. Houch	J. W. Darby
528	aGolden Beaver	Timmins	E. Richards	J. E. Gurnell
529	aMyra	Komoka	M. Sinclair	S. Swales
530	aCochrane	Cochrane	Edward Thorning	A. T. King
531	aHigh Park	Toronto	Wm. G. Becker	R. B. Magill
532	aCanada	Toronto	D. Mullen	J. E. Baker
533	aShamrock	Toronto	A. R. Stapells	E. W. Leitch
534	aEnglehart	Englehart	H. N. Williams	F. A. Errett
535	aPhoenix	Fonthill	W. E. Boyes	F. H. Clark
536	aAlgonquin	Copper Cliff	Jas. Hazleden	W. J. Hambly
537	aUlster	Toronto	Wm. J. Stewart	Geo. Chambers
538	aEarl Kitchener	Port McNicoll	Robt. Carson	Wm. Stephenson
539	Waterloo	Waterloo	Jas. S. Lockie	C. O. Hemphill
540	aAbitibi	Iroquois Falls	A. M. Dewar	A. H. Dixon
541	aTuscan	Toronto	H. G. Souels	S. J. Jackson
542	aMetropolitan	Toronto	P. F. McCleary	J. O. Walliss
543	aImperial	Toronto	Morrison Sellar	A. Corscadden
544	aLincoln	Abingdon	Alvin Wardell	T. F. McKinnell
545	aJohn Ross Robertson	Toronto	W. A. Howell	W. J. S. Graham
546	aTalbot	St. Thomas	W. W. Jennings	W. A. McPherson
547	aVictory	Toronto	N. F. D. Kelly	H. J. Unwin
548	aGeneral Mercer	Toronto	J. H. Atkins	C. H. Dearden
549	aIonic	Hamilton	J. D. G. Meyer	S. A. Wait
550	aBuchanan	Hamilton	J. S. Rogers	W. Davies
551	aTuscan	Hamilton	H. A. Ross	T. W. Appleton
552	aQueen City	Toronto	Walter Carey	Geo. Carey
553	aOakwood	Toronto	S. H. McElwain	M. C. Pritchard
554	aBorder Cities	Windsor	T. F. Groves	E. T. Howe
555	aWardrope	Hamilton	B. W. Hopkins	John Forth
556	aNation	Spencerville	Fred Hogan	A. W. Keillor
557	aFinch	Finch	D. K. MacLean	Arthur MacMillan
558	aSidney Albert Luke	Ottawa	H. H. Popham	W. E. Hayes

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501	2nd Thursday	12	14	10	2	3	2	3				253
502	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	9	6	6		2	1					120
503	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	4	5	5	2							112
504	Tue. on or bef. F. M.		1	2								58
505	2nd Wednesday	7	7	8		2	2	5				98
506	1st Thursday	4	4	2		1	2	1			2	138
507	2nd Friday	4	2	3		2						104
508	3rd Tuesday	12	16	20	2	1	1	11				224
509	4th Friday	14	16	17	3	3	3	3				230
510	2nd Friday	11	12	17	1	7	3	5			1	313
511	3rd Monday	3	2	4				2				154
512	Wed. on or aft. F. M.	5	1	2	1	3	6				1	131
513	4th Thursday	18	17	18	4	7	3	5				595
514	3rd Monday	6	5	7	1	2	2	10			1	379
515	2nd Friday	10	9	9	2		2	1				255
516	1st Monday	3	4	4			3					99
517	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	3	2	3		3		2				66
518	1st Monday	12	8	4		3	2	6				153
519	Friday on or bef. F.M.	3	3	4		3	2	5				77
520	2nd Tuesday	14	9	16	1	4		11				401
521	1st Monday	23	19	26	3	5	2	7				449
522	2nd Tuesday	26	23	23	1		1	5			1	412
523	1st Monday	9	8	9	2	2	2					178
524	2nd Thursday	10	10	13	1	1	1	2				164
525	4th Tuesday	16	18	17	2	2	2	18				344
526	2nd Wednesday	9	10	8	2	1	3	3				212
527	1st Wednesday	4	5	4		1		2			1	99
528	2nd Wednesday	12	21	22	1	6	4	3			1	197
529	Sat. on or bef. F. M.	5	4	5		1		1				54
530	2nd Friday	13	17	18	2	2		2			2	161
531	3rd Thursday	12	11	12	3	6	6				2	597
532	1st Friday	13	13	15	4	10	1	7				371
533	3rd Tuesday	7	6	7	1	2	2	19			1	319
534	2nd Monday	5	9	10	1	3		10			1	123
535	Mon. on or aft. F. M.	5	5	5	1	2	1					96
536	3rd Tuesday	6	8	9	2	3	1					126
537	1st Monday	31	32	35	6	3	7	18				701
538	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	2	2	3		1	2	2				59
539	1st Wednesday	7	5	5	2	2	1					128
540	3rd Friday	6	8	8	2	3		1			1	132
541	3rd Friday	15	18	18	3	8	1	4				452
542	4th Wednesday	8	9	9	1	1	2	3				189
543	2nd Monday	12	11	11	1	1	1	3				265
544	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	4	3	3	3	1		3				74
545	3rd Tuesday	15	16	14	3	6	3	5			1	363
546	4th Thursday	8	5	3	1	2		8				271
547	4th Wednesday	6	10	9								122
548	2nd Friday	19	14	11	3	7	2	5			1	290
549	1st Wednesday	14	16	12	2	1	1	3			1	255
550	1st Thursday	10	9	8	1	5	1				1	270
551	1st Thursday	21	20	20	1	2	3	7				390
552	1st Wednesday	16	15	16	2	3	2	4				344
553	2nd Monday	12	12	10	2	2	2	4				210
554	1st Wednesday	14	14	15	1	2		7				168
555	4th Monday	17	30	20		1	2	5			2	346
556	1st Friday	6	5	5	1							78
557	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	5	8	11	1		1					94
558	2nd Wednesday	5	5	7		4						163

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559	aPalestine	Toronto	E. L. Frankel	Harry Melvin
560	aSt. Andrew's	Ottawa	J. W. Palister	J. N. Salter
561	aAcacia	Westboro	Wm. Joynt	D. A. MacEachern
562	aHamilton	Hamilton	M. G. Coates	D. R. Gibson
563	aVictory	Chatham	E. A. McMillan	W. Scurr
564	aAshlar	Ottawa	R. B. Pritchard	Wm. Shortt
565	aKilwinning	Toronto	R. M. Penrose	Malcolm Strachan
566	aKing Hiram	Toronto	W. G. Jones	C. V. Tottle
567	aSt. Aidan's	Toronto	W. H. Beney	D. B. McCunn
568	aHullett	Londesboro'	T. W. Mountain	John Fingland
569	aDoric	Lakeside	Robt. Duncan	F. W. Seaton
570	aDufferin	Toronto	Walter Wood	J. A. Hodgins
571	aAntiquity	Toronto	R. J. Davis	J. Herriott
572	aMizpah	Toronto	G. R. Shephard	W. A. Francis
573	aAdoniram	Niagara Falls	Jesse T. Ruley	C. H. Stringer
574	aCraig	Ailsa Craig	Wm. G. Smith	A. D. McLean
575	aFidelity	Toronto	G. H. R. Brown	Wm. Moull
576	aMimosa	Toronto	E. G. Lowry	G. F. Empringham
577	aSt. Clair	Toronto	H. B. Lloyd	M. L. Martyn
578	aQueen's	Kingston	R. O. Jolliffe	J. A. McRae
579	aHarmony	Windsor	Earl T. Welsh	C. A. Burgess
580	aAcacia	London	F. Overton	J. W. Bradshaw
581	aHarcourt	Toronto	W. F. Smith	Geo. T. Clark
582	aSunnyside	Toronto	W. J. Twible	K. N. Carrie
583	aTransportation	Toronto	U. E. Gillen	Jas. G. Dunn
584	aKaministiquia	Fort William	M. F. Beyer	S. C. Read
585	aRoyal Edward	Kingston	S. A. Hitsman	W. J. Saunders
586	aWar Veterans	Toronto	Sage Snider	W. H. Smith
587	aPatricia	Toronto	Robt. Somerville	E. J. Reddick
588	aNational	Capreol	Ivan Douglas	L. W. Ellis
589	aGrey	Toronto	Leeson Whitby	J. W. Tucker
590	aDefenders	Ottawa	Jas. D. Gardner	W. C. N. Marriott
591	aNorth Gate	Toronto	F. C. Irwin	A. W. Urmy
592	aFairbank	Toronto	F. Reynolds	J. A. Welch
593	aSt. Andrew's	Hamilton	John Macbeth	F. W. Davidson
594	aHillcrest	Hamilton	M. J. Lockley	R. C. Bennett
595	aRideau	Ottawa	Stewart Witton	Jas. McConnell
596	aMartintown	Martintown	John McLennan	C. I. McDermid
597	aTemple	London	A. B. Crawford	J. D. Omond
598	aDominion	Windsor	Thos. G. Douglas	J. A. Wickens
599	aMount Dennis	Weston	Fielding Haworth	Wm. McArthur
600	aMaple Leaf	Toronto	Jas. A. Lindsay	Wm. Moull
601	aSt. Paul	Sarnia	C. A. Saylor	J. T. Elliott
602	aHugh Murray	Hamilton	John Eaglesham	A. E. Hutchinson
603	aCampbell	Campbellville	Frank McNiven	E. D. Mahon
604	aPalace	Windsor	F. E. Dayus	G. R. Jackson
605	aMelita	Toronto	Wm. G. Cumming	Dr. F. C. Becker
606	aUnity	Toronto	L. H. Warnica	V. R. Cowtan
607	aGolden Fleece	Toronto	Arthur Green	F. A. Beatty
608	aGothic	Lindsay	R. E. Thompkins	W. R. Allely
609	aTavistock	Tavistock	S. McDermott	G. F. Holley
610	aAshlar	Byron	W. T. Sanderson	B. C. Scott
611	aHuron-Bruce	Toronto	J. S. Wren	D. H. MacLeod
612	aBirch Cliff	Birch Cliff	Quintin Golder	J. Brown
613	aFort Erie	Fort Erie	John Charles	Geo. K. Tinney
614	aAdanac	Merritton	F. H. Sutherland	H. L. Savigny
615	aDominion	Ridgeway	Roy Stackhouse	M. I. Beeshy
616	aPerfection	St. Catharines	T. B. Griffin	G. L. Sherk
617	aNorth Bay	North Bay	John E. Jones	J. H. Lowery

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559	4th Wednesday	11	12	12			1					243
560	1st Thursday	8	7	8	1	4	2	4			1	193
561	4th Friday	10	8	6		5	2	3				134
562	2nd Monday	25	23	22	1	5	3				2	383
563	2nd Tuesday	27	19	21	6	1		2				276
564	1st Friday	14	15	16		8		1				164
565	3rd Friday	34	33	30	11	9	5	12				514
566	1st Friday	8	10	9	1	1	1	3			1	188
567	3rd Friday	4	3	3		3						78
568	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	2	1	1				2				50
569	Tue. on or aft. F. M.	2	4	5	1		2					61
570	1st Tuesday	22	27	31	4	3	3	6				241
571	3rd Wednesday	15	10	12		1		5				190
572	4th Thursday	21	23	22		4	4	7			1	341
573	3rd Monday	13	9	8			1					234
574	Thur. on or aft. F. M.	5	4	3		1						76
575	4th Thursday	18	20	20	3	4	1	5			1	223
576	1st Monday	9	9	6	3	7		4				184
577	1st Wednesday	19	23	13	1	4						253
578	2nd Monday	12	18	21	1	12						194
579	1st Thursday	29	34	28	1		1	12				184
580	2nd Saturday	22	27	26	1	2	2	7				224
581	3rd Wednesday	3	2	2	4		2					69
582	3rd Wednesday	28	26	24	2	5	4	2				304
583	2nd Monday	17	20	18	11	2						263
584	4th Monday	14	14	14	5		1					95
585	4th Tuesday	8	5	8	4	3	1	1				99
586	1st Friday	12	14	19	8	6	2	6			1	226
587	2nd Wednesday	9	8	7	1	1	4	2				201
588	1st Tuesday	5	8	8	2	5		3				116
589	2nd Friday	11	10	14	3	1		2				169
590	1st Wednesday	10	9	8	4	5	1	1				116
591	4th Thursday	21	21	22	3	3		5				202
592	3rd Monday	17	8	4	2							133
593	4th Wednesday	31	31	28	7	4	2	4			1	412
594	2nd Monday	17	14	10	2	3	2	3				177
595	2nd Thursday	6	6	9	3	3		1				134
596	2nd Thursday		1	1				1				33
597	4th Friday	13	14	9	1		1					120
598	1st Wednesday	9	17	22		1		5				129
599	1st Wednesday	12	18	13	1							137
600	4th Tuesday	15	19	20		4		2				142
601	1st Saturday	14	13	15		1		1				158
602	3rd Tuesday	22	18	17	3	2	2	4				179
603	1st Tuesday	4	7	7	1		1					79
604	2nd Thursday	15	20	18	5							118
605	2nd Tuesday	17	15	13	4		1					125
606	2nd Saturday	11	9	6	3	1		4				123
607	3rd Thursday	8	9	4	5	3	1					99
608	3rd Monday	3	4	5			1					90
609	2nd Tuesday	2	3	3		1		1				51
610	4th Monday	3	4	4		2	4					105
611	3rd Monday	20	14	10	11	7						124
612	2nd Friday	18	17	18	1	3	1	3				144
613	3rd Tuesday	5	4	4	3		2					80
614	1st Thursday	7	8	6	1	1						80
615	1st Thursday	8	8	5	4							71
616	2nd Monday	5	4	3			1					84
617	2nd Friday	2	1	2	1	1	1					83

RETURNS OF LODGES AS

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Lodges marked (a) hold their Installation of Officers on or near the Festival

The names of the W. M. and Secretary

No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where Held	W. Master	Secretary
618	aThunder Bay	Port Arthur	D. J. Cowan	A. V. Chapman
619	aRunnymede	Toronto	Chas. E. Sisson	W. McK. Hamshaw
620	aBay of Quinte	Toronto	F. G. Ketcheson	A. E. Jewett
621	aFrontenac	Sharbot Lake	C. G. Tripp	M. R. Reid
622	aLorne	Chapleau	W. P. Spero	W. Moscoe
623	aDoric	Kirkland Lake	H. S. Rood	Wm. T. Strickland
624	aDereham	Mount Elgin	A. McDonald	J. D. Flanders
625	aHatherly	Sault Ste. Marie	C. H. E. Rounthwaite	E. G. Leaney
626	aStamford	Stamford Centre	J. W. Dohrow	L. T. Couch
627	aPelee	Scudder	John J. Nichols	John McLellan
628	aGlenrose	Elmira	Arthur A. Ullyot	Jas. B. Jarrell
629	aGrenville	Toronto	Geo. T. Ditchburn	Wm. J. Streight
630	aPrince of Wales	Toronto	A. M Patterson	A. B. Rice
631	aManitou	Emo	E. L. Botel	E. T. McComb
632	aLong Branch	Mimico	F. Scott	Robt. W. Knaggs
633	a Hastings	Hastings	R. W. Montgomery	C. B. Plant
634	aDelta	Toronto	M. J. McHenry	McD. White
635	aWellington	Toronto	A. R. Rundle	J. H. Mitchell
636	aHornepayne	Hornepayne	E. V. Tansley	C. M. McIntyre
637	aCaledonia	Toronto	D. W. Christie	John Ferguson
638	aBedford	Toronto	Jas. Gillies	H. C. R. Devey
639	aBeach	Burlington Beach	John Hunter	R. D. Berry
640	aAnthony Sayer	Mimico	Wm. H. Hunter	E. J. Hutchins
641	aGarden	Windsor	D. B. Smail	W. C. Turnbull
642	aSt. Andrews'	Windsor	W. T. Turner	J. W. Adams
643	Cathedral	Toronto	J. G. Jack	H. M. Moncrief
644	Simcoe	Toronto	Geo. E. May	W. G. Mackay
645	Lake Shore	Mimico	Geo. R. Coombs	J. Farrington
646	Rowland	Mount Albert	R. H. Tinsdale	A. C. Ashforth
647	Todmorden	Todmorden	J. S. Shier	W. Mulholland
648	Spruce Falls	Kapuskasing	G. F. Bailey	W. E. Millar
UD.	Temple	Oshawa	C. R. McIntosh	W. O. Wilson

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618	1st Thursday	7	7	11			1	1				90
619	4th Wednesday	14	16	14	1	3						163
620	3rd Friday	8	5	6	1	5	1	1			1	203
621	Friday on or bef. F.M	3	3	2								44
622	2nd Wednesday	1	4	3		2						84
623	1st Thursday	11	12	12	2		1	1				140
624	1st Tuesday	4	4	3			2					64
625	3rd Friday	1	1	5	2	1	1					54
626	1st Wednesay	4	3	6			1					69
627	Tuesday on or bef. F.M.	5	8	12								58
628	3rd Tuesday	3	3	3			1					41
629	4th Saturday	20	19	15	11		3					141
630	4th Friday	12	9	9	3		1					103
631	3rd Thursday	9	9	8	1	1						64
632	3rd Tuesday	9	9	11	2	2		1				70
633	Friday on or bef. F.M	9	6	7	2		1					56
634	2nd Tuesday	10	10	12	7		2					143
635	1st Friday	12	11	14	8	6	1	3				147
636	1st Monday	13	14	13	2	3	1					73
637	3rd Monday	37	38	39	18	3	1	2				199
638	3rd Tuesday	16	29	23	4	2						101
639	2nd Tuesday	10	5	6	4		1					77
640	3rd Friday	1	3	4		1	1					37
641	1st Friday	10	12	17	2							49
642	2nd Friday	19	19	17	2	1	2					70
643	1st Tuesday	10	9	6	66							76
644	1st Monday	23	17	13	117		2					138
645	1st Monday	20	16	22	39							59
646	2nd Friday											
647	1st Monday											
648	2nd Monday											
UD.	3rd Tuesday											
		4451	4489	4452	1110	1183	1184	1592			329	112401

P.O. ADDRESSES OF SECRETARIES

Special addresses of Secretaries of Lodges in the Cities and in other places where the secretary's address is not the same as that of the lodge.

No.	Lodge	Location	Secretary and P.O. Address
3	Ancient St. John's	Kingston	A. W. Cathcart, 570 Johnson St.
5	Sussex	Brockville	Thos. H. Guest, 374 King St. W.
6	Barton	Hamilton	W. H. F. Whateley, 1107 Main St. E.
11	Moira	Belleville	Geo. Dulmage, 36 Hillside St.
15	St. George's	St. Catharines	A. N. Lindsay, 3 Queen St.
16	St. Andrew's	Toronto	Wm. Lawrence, 202 Westminister Avenue
20	St. John's	London	Rich. Booth, 230 Wellington St.
22	King Solomon's	Toronto	P. H. Walker, 320 Beresford Ave.
25	Ionic	Toronto	C. B. Parker, 52 College St.
27	Strict Observance	Hamilton	H. W. Linton, 62 Barnesdale Ave South.
39	Mount Zion	Brooklin	Thos. R. Price, Myrtle Sta.
40	St. John's	Hamilton	B. L. Simpson, 94 Delaware Ave.
42	St. George's	London	Thos. Dickson, 243 Victoria St.
43	King Solomon's	Woodstock	A. W. Massie, 717 Rathbourne Avenue.
44	St. Thomas	St. Thomas	F. W. Judd, 379 Talbot St.
45	Brant	Brantford	Geo. Whitwill, 149 Sheridan St.
46	Wellington	Chatham	W. J. McCall, 24 Stanley St.
47	Great Western	Windsor	W. G. Wells, 501 Bartlet Bldg.
52	Dalhousie	Ottawa	H. W. Jackson, 45 Rideau St.
56	Victoria	Sarnia	H. W. Unsworth, 219 Mitton St. North
57	Harmony	Binbrook	Jas. D. Rose, Blackheath
59	Doric	Ottawa	J. A. Ross, 480 Cooper St.
61	Acacia	Hamilton	C. E. Kelly, 73 Melrose Ave.
64	Kilwinning	London	W. Lancaster, 15 Stanley St.
65	Rehoboam	Toronto	Geo. H. Mitchell, City Hall, W.W. Dept.
72	Alma	Galt	A. J. Oliver, 45 James St.
74	St. James	S. Augusta	H. H. Throop, R.R. No. 2. Brockville
75	St. John's	Toronto	Wm. J. Charles, 45 Parkside Dr.
76	Oxford	Woodstock	J. W. Dutton, 687 Adelaide St.
77	Faithful Brethren	Lindsay	C. L. Davidson, 125 Kent St. W.
86	Wilson	Toronto	A. L. Lawer, 125 Erskine Ave.
87	Markham Union	Markham	L. A. Kennedy, Agincourt
88	St. George's	Owen Sound	John M. Campbell, 1166 Second Ave. West.
92	Cataraqui	Kingston	W. H. Dalby, 72 Nelson St.
101	Corinthian	Peterbrough	R. F. Downey, 298 Boswell Ave.
103	Maple Leaf	St. Catharines	A. E. Coombs, 197 Church St.
105	St. Mark's	Niagara Falls	Fred Trelford, 203 Lundy's Lane
107	St. Paul's	Lambeth	R. A. McDougall, R.R. No. 1, Glanworth.
121	Doric	Brantford	T. R. Logan, 33 Alfred St.
123	Belleville	Belleville	John McCarthy, 59 Everett St.
128	Pembroke	Pembroke	C. W. Fraser, 423 McKay St.
139	Lebanon	Oshawa	W. A. Hare, 3 King St. W.
144	Tecumseh	Stratford	S. W. Rust, 203 Douglas St.
146	Prince of Wales	Newburgh	Delbert Sexsmith, R.R. No. 1, Wilton
148	Civil Service	Ottawa	H. W. Lothrop, 331 James St.
151	Grand River	Kitchener	P. Fisher, 11 Elgin St.
155	Peterborough	Peterborough	F. H. Dobbin, 622 George St.
156	York	Toronto	W. E. Hofland, 415½ Wellesley
171	Prince of Wales	Lawrence Sta.	R. G. Little, Iona Sta.
177	The Builders	Ottawa	J. J. McGill, 189 Holmwood Ave.
178	Plattsville	Plattsville	John Bright, Bristow
180	Speed	Guelph	Bard Whetstone, 90 Yorkshire St.
185	Enniskillen	York	E. S. Bradt, R.R. No. 5, Cayuga
195	Tuscan	London	B. H. Higgins, 496 Dundas St.
203	Irvine	Elora	R. D. Cardno, Salem
209a	St. John's	London	Edwin Smith, 582 Dufferin Ave.

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218	Stevenson	Toronto	H. C. H. Corneil, 328 Seaton St.
230	Kerr	Barrie	D. W. Emms, 223 Elizabeth St.
234	Beaver	Clarksburg	Thos. G. Idle, Thornbury
247	Ashlar	Toronto	W. H. Lyon, 9 Richmond St. E.
253	Minden	Kingston	R. S. Graham, 236 Albert St.
254	Clifton	Niagara Falls	J. C. Lymburner, 1129 McRae St.
257	Galt	Galt	E. F. Hetherington, 50 Cedar St.
258	Guelph	Guelph	F. F. Sweetman, 394 Woolwich
264	Chaudiere	Ottawa	Henry Gates, 521 Bronson Ave.
267	Parthenon	Chatham	J. G. Martin, 24 Lansdowne Ave.
270	Cedar	Oshawa	M. L. Argall, 495 Simcoe St. N.
272	Seymour	Ancaster	E. McMullen, R.R. No. 1, Hamilton
287	Shuniah	Port Arthur	A. P. Freed, 329 Van Norman St.
296	Temple	St. Catharines	C. A. Brown, 150½ St. Paul St.
299	Victoria	Centreville	H. A. Carscallen, Enterprise
302	St. David's	St. Thomas	W. H. Stapleton, 12 Drake St.
309	Morning Star	Carlow	Thos. H. Wilson, R.R. No. 5, Goderich
316	Doric	Toronto	Geo. W. Wilson, 29 Castlefield A.
324	Temple	Hamilton	H. B. Jackson, 29 Mt. Royal Ave.
326	Zetland	Toronto	F. G. Logan, 111 Kendal Ave.
328	Ionic	Napier	W. T. Buchanan, R. R. No. 2, Kerwood
330	Corinthian	London	H. J. Childs, 293 Dundas St.
332	Stratford	Stratford	E. Denroche, 185 Water St.
338	Dufferin	Wellandport	Chas. Gilmore, Lowbanks
339	Orient	Toronto	H. D. Ashley, 510 Ontario St.
343	Georgina	Toronto	Geo. Thompson, 419 Brunswick
345	Nilestown	Nilestown	John F. Johnson, R.R. No. 8, London
346	Occident	Toronto	Wm. M. Williams, 44 Blantyre
361	Waverley	Guelph	W. Simpson, 30 Douglas St.
364	Dufferin	Melbourne	Geo. J. Stevenson, R.R. No. 4, Appin
367	St. George	Toronto	A. B. Hutchcroft, 9 Clendenan A.
369	Mimico	Lambton Mills	W. A. Beecroft, 31 Palisades, Toronto
371	Prince of Wales	Ottawa	H. J. Sykes, 364 Wellington St.
378	King Solomon's	London	Wm. Nicholls, 175 Wharncliffe Road
379	Middlesex	Bryanston	Thos. T. Smibert, R.R. No. 3, Ilderton
380	Union	London	Jos. Ward, 97 Tecumseh Ave.
382	Doric	Hamilton	Dr. C. V. Emory, 91 Barnesdale Blvd.
384	Alpha	Toronto	E. J. Voss, 182 Galley Ave.
410	Zeta	Toronto	W. E. Robson, 179 Concord Ave.
412	Keystone	Sault Ste. Marie	E. M. Shaw, 124 Brock St.
415	Fort William	Fort William	C. E. Coombes, 228 N. Syndicate
419	Liberty	Sarnia	W. J. Alcock, 189 Euphemia St.
426	Stanley	Toronto	Wm. Harris, 190 Osler Ave.
430	Acacia	Toronto	E. Pickles, 101 Gledhill Ave.
434	Algonquin	Emsdale	Jas. Metcalfe, Katrine Sta.
437	Tuscan	Sarnia	W. J. Barrie, 170 N. Christina St.
438	Harmony	Toronto	Thos. Robertson, 2236 Bloor W.
453	Royal	Fort William	F. C. Perry, 410 S. Vickers St.
469	Algoma	Sault Ste. Marie	J. Dudley, 46 The Drive.
473	The Beaches	Toronto	S. J. Manchester, 70 Edgewood
474	Victoria	Toronto	W. J. Wadsworth, 227 Glen-Donwynne Rd.
475	Dundurn	Hamilton	Geo. Milne, 85 Lottridge St.
481	Corinthian	Toronto	W. H. Hunter, 393 St. Clarens
494	Riverdale	Toronto	J. M. Malcolm, 742 Logan Ave.
495	Electric	Hamilton	W. F. Montague, 121 Hughson N.
496	University	Toronto	C. S. Gulston, 499 Glebeholme Blvd.
499	Port Arthur	Port Arthur	A. Rome, 105 Prospect Ave.
500	Rose	Windsor	H. M. Gard, 336 Indian Road, Sandwich
508	Ozias	Brantford	Jas. S. Rowe, 31 Abigail Ave.
509	Twin City	Kitchener	Geo. DeKleinhans, 195 Queen St. S.

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510	Parkdale	Toronto	J. H. Mills, 97 Tyndal Ave.
511	Connaught	Fort William	Alex. Harris, 129 N. John St.
513	Corinthian	Hamilton	J. R. Croft, 104 Burris Ave.
514	St. Alban's	Toronto	W. Hughes, 23 Silver Ave.
515	Reba	Brantford	S. W. Seago, 182 Brant Ave.
517	Hazeldean	Hazeldean	G. S. Stanley, Stittsville
519	Onondaga	Onondaga	A. A. Barton, R.R. No. 1., Cainsville
520	Coronati	Toronto	J. T. Stephenson, 105 Gates Ave.
521	Ontario	Windsor	A. R. Graham, 133 Partington
522	Mt. Sinai	Toronto	C. E. Garrard, 171 Yonge St.
523	Royal Arthur	Peterborough	G. W. Haley, 52 McDonnel St.
525	Temple	Toronto	John F. Judge, 176 Marion St.
526	Ionic	Westboro	P. E. Watters, 84 Fairmont Ave. Ottawa
531	High Park	Toronto	R. B. Magill, 178 W. Marion St.
532	Canada	Toronto	J. E. Baker, 106 Withrow Ave.
533	Shamrock	Toronto	E. W. Leith, 628 Indian Road
535	Phoenix	Fonthill	F. H. Clark, R.R. No. 2, Welland
537	Ulster	Toronto	Geo. Chambers, 211 Browning
539	Waterloo	Waterloo	C. O. Hemphill, 56 Park Ave.
541	Tuscan	Toronto	S. J. Jackson, 897 Bloor St. W.
542	Metropolitan	Toronto	J. O. Wallis, 85 Gormley Ave.
543	Imperial	Toronto	A. Corscadden, 51 Highcroft Rd.
544	Lincoln	Abingdon	T. F. McKinnell, R. R. No. 1, Caistor Centre
545	John Ross Robertson	Toronto	W. J. S. Graham, 16 Herbert Ave
546	Talbot	St. Thomas	W. A. McPherson, 38 Metcalf St.
547	Victory	Toronto	H. J. Unwin, 58 Wellington St. E
548	General Mercer	Toronto	C. H. Dearden, 412 Beresford Av.
549	Ionic	Hamilton	S. A. Wait, 105 Maple Ave.
550	Buchanan	Hamilton	W. Davies, Chedoke P.O.
551	Tuscan	Hamilton	T. W. Appleton, 396 Main St. E.
552	Queen City	Toronto	Geo. Carey 13 Thyra Ave.
553	Oakwood	Toronto	M. C. Pritchard, 465 Bay St.
554	Border Cities	Windsor	E. T. Howe, 829 London St. W.
555	Wardrope	Hamilton	John Forth, 210 Charlton Av. W.
558	Sidney Albert Luke	Ottawa	W. E. Hayes, 329 James St.
559	Palestine	Toronto	Harry Melvin, 1403 Ossington Av.
560	St. Andrew's	Ottawa	J. N. Slater, 31 Edgar St.
562	Hamilton	Hamilton	D. R. Gibson, 87 Sanford Av. S.
563	Victory	Chatham	W. Scurr, 41 Grand Ave. E.
564	Ashlar	Ottawa	Wm. Shortt, 58 Crichton St.
565	Kilwinning	Toronto	Malcolm Strachan, 85 Mavety
566	King Hiram	Toronto	C. V. Tottle, 2362 A. Bloor St. W.
567	St. Aidan's	Toronto	D. B. McVunn, 17 Balsam Rd.
570	Dufferin	Toronto	J. A. Hodgins, 95 Clinton St.
571	Antiquity	Toronto	J. Herriot, 8 Glen Avon Rd.
572	Mizpah	Toronto	W. A. Francis, 290 Margueretta
573	Adoniram	Niagara Falls	C. H. Stringer, 1259 Heywood Av.
574	Craig	Ailsa Craig	A. D. McLean, R.R. No. 6, Parkhill
575	Fidelity	Toronto	Wm. Moull, 11 Lindsay Ave.
576	Mimosa	Toronto	G. F. Empringham, 26 Enderby Rd.
577	St. Clair	Toronto	M. L. Martyn, 712 Temple Bld.
578	Queen's	Kingston	J. A. McRae, 226 Frontenac St.
579	Harmony	Windsor	C. A. Burgess, 1016 Giles Bvd.
580	Acacia	London	J. W. Bradshaw, 707 Waterloo St.
581	Harcourt	Toronto	Geo. T. Clark, 81 Crescent Rd.
582	Sunnyside	Toronto	K. N. Carrie, 58 Roncesvalles Av.
583	Transportation	Toronto	Jas. G. Dunn, 340 St. Clarens Av.
584	Kaministiquia	Fort William	S. C. Read, 307 S. Norah St.
585	Royal Edward	Kingston	W. J. Saunders, 124 Beverley St.
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590	Defenders	Ottawa	W. C. N. Marriott, 171 Powell Ave.
591	North Gate	Toronto	A. W. Urmy, 48 Millwood Rd.
592	Fairbank	Fairbank	J. A. Welch, 275 Boon Ave., Toronto

No.	Lodge	Location	Secretary and P.O. Address
593	St. Andrew's	Hamilton	F. W. Davidson, 52 Barnesdale Ave. South
594	Hillcrest	Hamilton	R. C. Bennett, 110 Alpine Ave.
595	Rideau	Ottawa	Jas. McConnell, 216 Driveway
597	Temple	London	J. D. Omond, 963 Wellington St.
598	Dominion	Windsor	J. A. Wickens, 538 Dougal Ave.
599	Mount Dennis	Weston	Wm. McArthur, 58 Greendale Ave. Mt. Dennis.
600	Maple Leaf	Toronto	Wm. Moull, 11 Lindsay Ave.
601	St. Paul	Sarnia	John T. Elliott, 110 Crawford St.
602	Hugh Murray	Hamilton	A. E. Hutchinson, 52½ Tom St.
604	Palace	Windsor	G. R. Jackson, 179½ Partington Ave., Sandwich
605	Melita	Toronto	Dr. F. C. Becker, 102 Rose Park Drive
606	Unity	Toronto	V. R. Cowtan, 2 Fernbank Ave.
607	Golden Fleece	Toronto	F. A. Beatty, 56 Stibbard Ave.
608	Gothic	Lindsay	W. R. Allely, 259 Kent St. W.
610	Ashlar	Byron	B. C. Scott, R.R. No. 7 London
611	Huron-Bruce	Toronto	D. H. McLeod, 59 Victoria Park Ave.
612	Birch Cliff	Birch Cliff	J. Brown, 13 Avalon Bvd. Toronto
616	Perfection	St. Catharines	G. L. Sherk, 27 Queen St.
617	North Bay	North Bay	J. H. Lowery, 195 Front St.
618	Thunder Bay	Port Arthur	A. V. Chapman, 215 Whalen Bld.
619	Runnymede	Toronto	W. McK. Hamshaw, 76 Glendale Ave.
620	Bay of Quinte	Toronto	A. E. Jewett, 466 Gladstone Ave.
625	Hatherly	Sault Ste. Marie	E. G. Leaney, 4 McGregor Ave.
626	Stamford	South End	L. T. Couch, Stamford Centre
629	Grenville	Toronto	Wm. J. Streight, 44 Fairview Bvd.
630	Prince of Wales	Toronto	A. B. Rice, 354 Clendenan Ave.
632	Long Branch	Mimico	R. W. Knaggs, Box 100, Long Branch
634	Delta	Toronto	McD. White, 61 Montgomery Av.
635	Wellington	Toronto	J. H. Mitchell, 93 Medland Cres.
637	Caledonia	Toronto	John Ferguson, 240 Keele St.
638	Bedford	Toronto	H. C. R. Devey, 104 Roslin Ave.
639	Beach	Hamilton Beach	R. D. Berry, Station 9
641	Garden	Windsor	W. C. Turnbull, 844 Ouellette Av.
642	St. Andrew's	Windsor	J. W. Adams, 813 Dougal Ave.
643	Cathedral	Toronto	H. M. Moncreif, 82 Cherrywood Ave.
644	Simcoe	Toronto	W. C. MacKay, 74 Oakwood Ave.
645	Lake Shore	Mimico	J. Farrington, 67 Symon St.
647	Todmorden	Todmorden	W. Mulholland, 231 Torrens Av., Toronto
	U.D. Temple	Oshawa	W. O. Wilson 73 Young St.

LIST OF LODGES---BY DISTRICTS

ALGOMA DISTRICT—(15 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. C. S. McComb, Port Arthur

No. 287	Shuniah, Port Arthur	No. 461	Ionic, Rainy River
No. 414	Pequonga, Kenora	No. 484	Golden Star, Dryden
No. 415	Fort William, Fort William	No. 499	Port Arthur, Port Arthur
No. 417	Keewatin, Keewatin	No. 511	Connaught W., Fort William
No. 445	Lake of the Woods, Kenora	No. 518	Sioux Lookout Sioux L'kout
No. 446	Granite, Fort Frances	No. 584	Kaministiquia Fort William
No. 453	Royal, Fort William	No. 618	Thunder Bay Port Arthur
		No. 631	Manitou, Emo.

BRANT DISTRICT—(14 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. T. J. Kirkby, Brantford

No. 35	St. Johns, Cayuga	No. 243	St. George, St. George
No. 45	Brant, Brantford	No. 319	Hiram, Hagersville
No. 82	St. Johns, Paris	No. 329	King Solomon, Jarvis
No. 106	Burford, Burford	No. 505	Lynden, Lynden
No. 113	Wilson, Waterford	No. 508	Ozias, Brantford
No. 121	Doric, Brantford	No. 515	Reba, Brantford
No. 193	Scotland, Scotland	No. 519	Onondaga, Onondaga

BRUCE DISTRICT—(12 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. S. F. Ballachey, Paisley

No. 131	St. Lawrence, Southampton	No. 393	Forest, Chesley
No. 197	Saugeen, Walkerton	No. 396	Cedar, Wiarton
No. 235	Aldworth, Paisley	No. 429	Port Elgin, Port Elgin
No. 262	Harriston, Harriston	No. 431	Moravian, Cargill
No. 315	Clifford, Clifford	No. 432	Hanover, Hanover
No. 362	Maple Leaf, Tara	No. 436	Burns, Hepworth

CHATHAM DISTRICT—(14 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Wm. J. Bodkin, Thamesville

No. 46	Wellington, Chatham	No. 327	Hammond, Wardsville
No. 245	Tecumseh, Thamesville	No. 336	Highgate, Highgate
No. 255	Sydenham, Dresden	No. 390	Florence, Florence
No. 267	Parthenon, Chatham	No. 391	Howard, Ridgetown
No. 274	Kent, Blenheim	No. 422	Star of the East, Bothwell
No. 282	Lorne, Glencoe	No. 457	Century, Merlin
No. 312	Pnyx, Wallaceburg	No. 563	Victory, Chatham

EASTERN DISTRICT—(18 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. H. B. Fetterly, Winchester

No. 21a	St. Johns, Vankleek Hill	No. 418	Maxville, Maxville
No. 125	Cornwall, Cornwall	No. 439	Alexandria, Alexandria
No. 142	Excelsior, Morrisburg	No. 450	Hawkesbury, Hawkesbury
No. 143	Friendly Brothers, Iroquois	No. 452	Avonmore, Avonmore
No. 186	Plantagenet, Riceville	No. 458	Wales, Wales
No. 207	Lancaster, Lancaster	No. 480	Williamsburg, Williamsburg
No. 256	Farran's Point, Aultsville	No. 491	Cardinal, Cardinal
No. 320	Chesterville, Chesterville	No. 557	Finch, Finch
No. 383	Henderson, Winchester	No. 596	Martintown, Martintown

FRONTENAC DISTRICT—(18 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Norman Boyce, Colebrook

No. 3	Ancient St. Johns, Kingston	No. 253	Minden, Kingston
No. 9	Union, Napanee	No. 299	Victoria, Centreville
No. 92	Cataraqui, Kingston	No. 404	Lorne, Tamworth
No. 109	Albion, Harrowsmith	No. 441	Westport, Westport
No. 119	Maple Leaf, Bath	No. 460	Rideau, Seeley's Bay
No. 146	Prince of Wales, Newburgh	No. 497	St. Andrew's, Arden
No. 157	Simpson, Newboro	No. 578	Queen's, Kingston
No. 201	Leeds, Gananoque	No. 585	Royal Edward, Kingston
No. 228	Prince Arthur, Odessa	No. 621	Frontenac, Sharbot Lake

GEORGIAN DISTRICT—(19 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Wm. H. Whipps, Collingwood

No. 90—Manito.....Collingwood
No. 96—Corinthian.....Barrie
No. 137—Pythagoras.....Meaford
No. 192—Orillia.....Orillia
No. 230—Kerr.....Barrie
No. 234—Beaver.....Clarksburg
No. 236—Manitoba.....Cookstown
No. 249—Caledonian.....Midland
No. 266—Northern Light.....Stayner
No. 285—Seven Star.....Alliston
No. 304—Minerva.....Stroud
No. 348—Georgian....Penetanguishene
No. 385—Spry.....Beeton
No. 444—Nitetis.....Creemore
No 466—Coronation.....Elmvale
No. 467—Tottenham.....Tottenham
No. 470—Victoria ...Victoria Harbour
No. 492—Karnak.....Coldwater
No. 538—Earl Kitchener. Pt.McNicol

GREY DISTRICT—(12 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Jas. P. Leslie, Owen Sound

No. 88—St. George's.....Owen Sound
No. 200—St. Alban's.....Mount Forest
No. 216—Harris.....Orangeville
No. 271—Wellington.....Erin
No. 306—Durham.....Durham
No. 322—North Star.....Owen Sound
No. 333—Prince Arthur.....Flesherton
No. 334—Prince Arthur.....Arthur
No. 377—Lorne.....Shelburne
No. 421—Scott.....Grand Valley
No. 449—Dundalk.....Dundalk
No. 490—Hiram.....Markdale

HAMILTON DISTRICT A—(16 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Ewart G. Dixon, Hamilton

No. 6—Barton.....Hamilton
No. 40—St Johns.....Hamilton
No. 100—Valley.....Dundas
No. 135—St Clair.....Milton
No 165—Burlington.....Burlington
No. 272—Seymour.....Ancaster
No. 291—Dufferin.....W. Flamboro
No. 324—Temple.....Hamilton
No. 357—Waterdown.....Millgrove
No. 400—Oakville.....Oakville
No. 475—Dundurn.....Hamilton
No. 513—Corinthian.....Hamilton
No. 551—Tuscan.....Hamilton
No. 562—Hamilton.....Hamilton
No. 602—Hugh Murray.....Hamilton
No. 603—Campbell.....Campbellvill

HAMILTON DISTRICT B—(16 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Robt. Clark, Hamilton

No. 7—Union.....Grimsby
No. 27—Strict Observance Hamilton
No. 57—Harmony.....Binbrook
No. 61—Acacia.....Hamilton
No. 62—St. Andrews.....Caledonia
No. 166—Wentworth....Stoney Creek
No. 185—Enniskillen.....York
No. 382—Doric.....Hamilton
No. 495—Electric.....Hamilton
No. 544—Lincoln.....Abingdon
No. 549—Ionic.....Hamilton
No. 550—Buchanan.....Hamilton
No. 555—Wardrope.....Hamilton
No. 593—St. Andrews.....Hamilton
No. 594—Hillcrest.....Hamilton
No. 639—Beach .....Burlington Beach

LONDON DISTRICT—(23 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. H. J. Childs, London

No. 20—St. Johns'.....London
No. 42—St. George's.....London
No. 64—Kilwinning.....London
No. 107—St. Paul's.....Lambeth
No. 190—Belmont.....Belmont
No. 195—Tuscan.....London
No. 209a—St. John's.....London
No. 289—Doric.....Lobo
No. 300—Mount Olivet.....Thorndale
No. 330—Corinthian.....London
No. 344—Merrill.....Dorchester Sta
No. 345—Nilestown.....Nilestown
No. 358—Delaware Valley ..Delaware
No. 378—King Solomon's.....London
No. 379—Middlesex.....Bryanston
No. 380—Union .....London
No. 388—Henderson.....Ilderton
No. 394—King Solomon...Thamesford
No. 399—Moffat.....Harrietsville
No. 529—Myra.....Komoka
No. 580—Acacia.....London
No. 597—Temple.....London
No. 610—Ashlar.....Byron

MUSKOKA DISTRICT—(8 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Jas. D. McDonald, Huntsville

No. 352—Granite.....Parry Sound
No. 360—Muskoka.....Bracebridge
No. 376—Unity.....Huntsville
No. 409—Golden Rule.....Gravenhurst
No. 423—Strong.....Sundridge
No. 434—Algonquin.....Elsmdale
No. 443—Powassan.....Powassan
No. 454—Corona.....Burk's Falls

NIAGARA DISTRICT—(25 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Andrew Gray, Chippawa

No. 2—Niagara.....Niagara
No. 15—St. George's St. Catharines
No. 32—Amity..... Dunnville
No. 103—Maple Leaf ..St. Catharines
No. 105—St. Marks .....Niagara Falls
No. 115—Ivy.....Beamsville
No. 168—Merritt.....Welland
No. 169—Macnab.....Pt. Colborne
No. 221—Mountain.....Thorold
No. 254—Clifton..... Niagara Falls
No. 277—Seymour.....Port Dalhousie
No. 296—Temple..... St. Catharines
No. 337—Myrtle.....Port Robinson
No. 338—Dufferin.....Wellandport
No. 372—Palmer..... Bridgeburg
No. 373—Copestone.....Welland
No. 471—King Edward VII Chippawa
No. 502—Coronation.....Smithville
No. 535—Phoenix.....Fonthill
No. 573—Adoniram.....Niagara Falls
No. 613—Fort Erie.....Fort Erie
No. 614—Adanac.....Merritton
No. 615—Dominion.....Ridgeway
No. 616—Perfection.....St. Catharines
No. 626—Stamford.....South End

NIPISSING DISTRICT—(17 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Wm. J. Cressey, Sudbury

No. 405—Mattawa.....Mattawa
No. 412—Keystone ..Sault Ste. Marie
No. 420—Nipissing.....North Bay
No. 427—Nickel..... .Sudbury
No. 442—Dyment.....Thessalon
No. 447—Sturgeon Fa..Sturgeon Falls
No. 455—Doric.....Little Current
No. 469—Algoma.....Sault Ste. Marie
No. 472—Core Bay.....Gore Bay
No. 487—Penewobikong...Blind River
No. 527—Espanola..... Espanola
No. 536—Algonquin.....Copper Cliff
No. 588—National.....Capreol
No. 617—North Bay.....North Bay
No. 622—Lorne.....Chapleau
No. 625—Hatherly ..Sault Ste. Marie
No. 636—Hornepayne ....Hornepayne

NORTH HURON DISTRICT—(12 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. A. W. Beacom, Blyth

No. 93—Northern Light..Kincardine
No. 162—Forest.....Wroxeter
No. 184—Old Light.....Lucknow
No. 225—Bernard.....Listowel
No. 276—Teeswater.....Teeswater
No. 284—St. Johns.....Brussels
No. 286—Wingham.....Wingham
No. 303—Blyth.....Blyth
No. 314—Blair.....Palmerston
No. 331—Fordwich.....Fordwich
No. 341—Bruce.....Tiverton
No. 568—Hullett.....Londesboro

ONTARIO DISTRICT—(13 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Wm. J. Bragg, Bowmanville

No. 17—St. John's..... Cobourg
No. 26—Ontario.....Port Hope
No. 30—Composite.....Whitby
No. 31—Jerusalem.....Bowmanville
No. 39—Mount Zion.....Brooklin
No. 66—Durham.....Newcastle
No. 91—Colborne.....Colborne
No. 114—Hope.....Port Hope
No. 139—Lebanon.....Oshawa
No. 270—Cedar.....Oshawa
No. 325—Orono..... Orono
No 428—Fidelity.....Port Perry
U.D.—Temple..... ..... Oshawa

OTTAWA DISTRICT—(27 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. John A. Dobbie, Ottawa

No. 52—Dalhousie.....Ottawa
No. 58—Doric.....Ottawa
No. 63—St. John's..... Carleton Place
No. 122—Renfrew.....Renfrew
No. 128—Pembroke.....Pembroke
No. 147—Mississippi.....Almonte
No. 148—Civil Service.....Ottawa
No. 159—Goodwood.....Richmond
No. 177—The Builders.....Ottawa
No. 196—Madawaska.....Arnprior
No. 231—Lodge of Fidelity.....Ottawa
No. 264—Chaudiere.....Ottawa
No. 371—Prince of Wales.....Ottawa
No. 433—Bonnechere.....Eganville
No. 459—Cobden.....Cobden
No. 465—Carleton.....Carp
No. 476—Corinthian.....North Gower
No. 479—Russell.....Russell
No. 516—Enterprise.....Beachburg
No. 517—Hazeldean.....Hazeldean
No. 526—Ionic.....Westboro
No. 558—Sidney Albert Luke Ottawa
No. 560—St. Andrew's.....Ottawa
No. 561—Acacia.....Westboro
No. 564—Ashlar.....Ottawa
No. 590—Defenders.....Ottawa
No. 595—Rideau.....Ottawa

PETERBOROUGH DISTRICT—(11 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. John R. Fraser, Lakefield

No. 101—Corinthian.....Peterborough
No. 126—Golden Rule...Campbellford
No. 145—J. B. Hall..... Millbrook
No. 155—Peterborough..Peterborough
No. 161—Percy.....Warkworth
No. 223—Norwood.....Norwood
No. 313—Clementi.....Lakefield
No. 374—Keene.....Keene
No. 435—Havelock.....Havelock
No. 523—Royal Arthur Peterborough
No. 633—Hastings .....Hastings

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT—(16 Lodges)
D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Jas. O. Herity, Belleville

No. 11—Moira.....Belleville
No. 18—Prince Edward.....Picton
No. 29—United.....Brighton
No. 38—Trent.....Trenton
No. 48—Madoc.....Madoc
No. 50—Consecon.....Consecon
No. 69—Stirling.....Stirling
No. 123—Belleville.....Belleville
No. 127—Franck.....Frankford
No. 164—Star in the East.Wellington
No. 215—Lake.....Ameliasburg
No. 222—Marmora.....Marmora
No. 239—Tweed.....Tweed
No. 283—Eureka.....Belleville
No. 401—Craig.....Deseronto
No. 482—Bancroft.....Bancroft

SARNIA DISTRICT,—(21 Lodges)
D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. G. E. Longfield, Mt. Brydges

No. 56—Victoria.....Sarnia
No. 81—St. Johns.....Mount Brydges
No. 83—Beaver.....Strathroy
No. 116—Cassia.....Thedford
No. 153—Burns.....Wyoming
No. 158—Alexandra.....Oil Springs
No. 194—Petrolia.....Petrolia
No. 238—Havelock.....Watford
No. 260—Washington.....Petrolia
No. 263—Forest.....Forest
No. 294—Moore.....Courtright
No. 307—Arkona.....Arkona
No. 323—Alvinston.....Alvinston
No. 328—Ionic.....Napier
No 392—Huron.....Camlachie
No. 397—Leopold.....Brigden
No. 419—Liberty.....Sarnia
No. 425—St. Clair.....Sarnia
No. 437—Tuscan.....Sarnia
No. 503—Inwood.....Inwood
No 601—St. Paul.....Sarnia

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT—(18 Lodges)
D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. E. W. White, St. Marys

No. 33—Maitland.....Goderich
No. 73—St. James.....St. Mary's
No. 84—Clinton.....Clinton
No. 133—Lebanon Forest.....Exeter
No. 141—Tudor.....Mitchell
No. 144—Tecumseh.....Stratford
No. 154—Irving.....Lucan
No. 170—Britannia.....Seaforth
No. 224—Zurich.....Hensall
No. 233—Doric.....Parkhill
No. 309—Morning Star.....Catlow
No. 332—Stratford.....Stratford
No. 456—Elma.....Monkton
No. 478—Milverton.....Milverton
No. 483—Granton.....Granton
No 493—St. Mary's.....St. Mary's
No. 574—Craig.....Ailsa Craig
No. 609—Tavistock.....Tavistock

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT—(18 Lodges)
D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Morley Earl, Athens

No. 5—Sussex.....Brockville
No. 14—True Britons.....Perth
No. 24—St. Francis.....Smith's Falls
No. 28—Mount Zion.....Kemptville
No. 55—Merrickville.....Merrickville
No. 74—St. James.....South Augusta
No. 85—Rising Sun.....Athens
No. 110—Central.....Prescott
No. 209—Evergreen.....Lanark
No. 242—Macoy.....Mallorytown
No. 368—Salem.....Brockville
No. 370—Harmony.....Delta
No. 387—Lansdowne.....Lansdowne
No. 389—Crystal F'ntain N. Augusta
No. 416—Lyn.....Lyn
No. 489—Osiris.....Smith's Falls
No. 504—Otter.....Lombardy
No. 556—Nation.....Spencerville

ST. THOMAS DISTRICT—(11 Lodges)
D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. C. P. Silcox, Shedden

No. 44—St. Thomas.....St. Thomas
No. 94—St. Marks.....Port Stanley
No. 120—Warren.....Fingal
No. 140—Malahide.....Aylmer
No. 171—Prince of Wales, Lawrence St.
No. 232—Cameron.....Dutton
No. 302—St. Davids.....St. Thomas
No. 364—Duffrin.....Melbourne
No. 386—McColl.....West Lorne
No. 411—Rodney.....Rodney
No. 546—Talbot.....St. Thomas

TEMISKAMING DISTRICT—(11 Lodges)
D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. E. C. Ward, Cochrane

No. 462—Temiskaming New Liskeard
No. 485—Haileybury.....Haileybury
No. 486—Silver.....Cobalt
No. 506—Porcupine.....Porcupine
No. 507—Elk Lake.....Elk Lake
No. 528—Golden Beaver.....Timmins
No. 530—Cochrane.....Cochrane
No. 534—Englehart.....Englehart
No. 540—Abitibi.....Iroquois Falls
No. 623—Doric.....Kirkland Lake
No. 648—Spruce Falls Kapuskasing

TORONTO DISTRICT A—(28 Lodges)
D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Smith Shaw, Toronto

No. 229—Ionic.....Brampton
No. 305—Humber.....Weston
No. 346—Occident.....Toronto
No. 356—River Park.....Streetsville
No. 369—Mimico.....Lambton Mills
No. 426—Stanley .....Toronto
No. 474—Victoria.....Toronto
No. 501—Connaught.....Mimico
No. 510—Parkdale.....Toronto
No. 522—Mt. Sinai.....Toronto
No. 524—Mississauga.....Port Credit
No. 525—Temple.....Toronto
No. 531—High Park.....Toronto
No. 548—General Mercer.....Toronto
No. 565—Kilwinning.....Toronto
No. 566—King Hiram.....Toronto
No. 575—Fidelity.....Toronto
No. 582—Sunnyside.....Toronto
No. 583—Transportation.....Toronto
No. 587—Patricia.....Toronto
No. 599—Mt. Dennis .....Weston
No. 600—Maple Leaf.....Toronto
No. 605—Melita.....Toronto
No. 619—Runnymede.....Toronto
No. 630—Prince of Wales ....Toronto
No. 632—Long Branch .....Mimico
No. 640—Anthony Sayer .....Mimico
No. 645—Lake Shore.....Mimico

TORONTO DISTRICT B—(28 Lodges)
D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. R. R. Davis, Toronto

No. 16—St. Andrews.....Toronto
No. 25—Ionic.....Toronto
No. 75—St. John's.....Toronto
No. 87—Markham Union..Markham
No. 136—Richardson.....Stouffville
No. 218—Stevenson.....Toronto
No. 220—Zeredatha.....Uxbridge
No. 269—Brougham Union.Claremont
No. 316—Doric.....Toronto
No. 339—Orient.....Toronto
No. 343—Georgina.....Toronto
No. 354—Brock.....Cannington
No. 424—Doric.....Pickering
No. 430—Acacia.....Toronto
No. 464—King Edward....Sunderland
No. 473—Beaches.....Toronto
No. 494—Riverdale.....Toronto
No. 520—Coronati.....Toronto
No. 532—Canada.....Toronto
No. 543—Imperial.....Toronto
No. 545—Jno Ross Robertson Toronto
No. 552—Queen City.....Toronto
No. 567—St. Aidans.....Toronto
No. 576—Mimosa.....Toronto
No. 612—Birch Cliff.....Birch Cliff
No. 620—Bay of Quinte.....Toronto
No. 637—Caledonia.....Toronto
No. 647—Todmorden .... Todmorden

TORONTO DISTRICT C—(27 Lodges)
D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Wm. J. Patterson, Newmarket

No. 22—King Solomon.....Toronto
No. 23—Richmond.....Richmond Hill
No. 65—Rehoboam.....Toronto
No. 79—Simcoe.....Bradford
No. 86—Wilson.....Toronto
No. 97—Sharon.....Queensville
No. 99—Tuscan.....Newmarket
No. 129—Rising Sun.....Aurora
No. 156—York.....Toronto
No. 247—Ashlar .....Toronto
No. 265—Patterson .....Thornhill
No. 326—Zetland.....Toronto
No. 438—Harmony.....Toronto
No. 481—Corinthian.....Toronto
No. 512—Malone.....Sutton
No. 542—Metropolitan.....Toronto
No. 553—Oakwood.....Toronto
No. 577—St. Clair.....Toronto
No. 581—Harcourt.....Toronto
No. 591—North Gate.....Toronto
No. 592—Fairbank.....Toronto
No. 606—Unity.....Toronto
No. 607—Golden Fleece.....Toronto
No. 629—Glenville.....Toronto
No. 634—Delta.....Toronto
No. 638—Bedford.....Toronto
No. 646—Rowland .....Mt. Albert

TORONTO DISTRICT D—(25 Lodges)
D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Samuel Alexander, Toronto

No. 54—Vaughan.....Maple
No. 98—True Blue.....Bolton
No. 118—Union.....Schomberg
No. 292—Robertson.....King
No. 311—Blackwood.....Woodbridge
No. 367—St. George.....Toronto
No. 384—Alpha.....Toronto
No. 410—Zeta.....Toronto
No. 468—Peel.....Caledon East
No. 496—University.....Toronto
No. 514—St. Alban's.....Toronto
No. 533—Shamrock.....Toronto
No. 537—Ulster.....Toronto
No. 541—Tuscan.....Toronto
No. 547—Victory.....Toronto
No. 559—Palestine.....Toronto
No. 570—Dufferin.....Toronto
No. 571—Antiquity.....Toronto
No. 572—Mizpah.....Toronto
No. 586—War Veterans.....Toronto
No. 589—Grey.....Toronto
No. 611—Huron-Bruce.....Toronto
No. 635—Wellington .....Toronto
No. 643—Cathedral .....Toronto
No. 644—Simcoe .....Toronto

VICTORIA DISTRICT—(12 Lodges)
D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. C. M. Callan, Coboconk

No. 77—Faithful Brethren....Lindsay
No. 268—Verulam.....Bobcaygeon
No. 375—Lorne.....Omemee
No. 398—Victoria.....Kirkfield
No. 406—Sprv.....Fenelon Falls
No. 408—Murray.....Beaverton
No. 440—Arcadia.....Minden
No. 451—Somerville.....Kinmount
No. 463—North Entrance Haliburton
No. 477—Harding.....Woodville
No. 498—King George V.....Coboconk
No. 608—Gothic.....Lindsay

WELLINGTON DISTRICT—(19 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Wellington Keffer, Hespeler

No. 72—Alma.....Galt
No. 151—Grand River.....Kitchener
No. 172—Ayr.....Ayr
No. 180—Speed .....Guelph
No. 203—Irvine.....Elora
No. 205—New Dom'on, New Hamburg
No. 219—Credit.....Georgetown
No. 257—Galt.....Galt
No. 258—Guelph.....Guelph
No. 279—New Hope.....Hespeler
No. 295—Conestogo ... .Drayton
No. 297—Preston..... .....Preston
No. 318—Wilmot.....Baden
No. 321—Walker.....Acton
No. 347—Mercer.....Fergus
No. 361—Waverley.... .....Guelph
No. 509—Twin City..... .....Kitchener
No. 539—Waterloo .... Waterloo
No. 628—Glenrose .. ..Elmira

WILSON DISTRICT—(20 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Jas. Kennedy, Embro

No. 10—Norfolk.....Simcoe
No. 37—King Hiram.....Ingersoll
No. 43—King Solomon's..Woodstock
No. 68—St. John's.....Ingersoll
No. 76—Oxford.....Woodstock
No. 78—King Hiram.....Tillsonburg
No. 104—St. John's.....Norwich
No. 108—Blenheim.....Princeton
No. 149—Erie.....Port Dover
No. 174—Walsingham.....Port Rowan
No. 178—Plattsville.....Plattsville
No. 181—Oriental ..... Port Burwell
No. 217—Frederick..... ..Delhi
No. 237—Vienna . .....Vienna
No. 250—Thistle..... Embro
No. 259—Springfield.....Springfield
No. 261—Oak Branch.....Innerkip
No. 359—Vittoria..... Vittoria
No. 569—Doric..... Lakeside
No. 624—Dereham.....Mt. Elgin

WINDSOR DISTRICT—(19 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. F. E. Wilson, Amherstburg

No. 34—Thistle.....Amherstburg
No. 41—St. George.....Kingsville
No. 47—Great Western.....Windsor
No. 290—Leamington.....Leamington
No. 395—Parvaim.....Comber
No. 402—Central .....Essex
No. 403—Windsor.....Windsor
No. 413—Naphtali.....Tilbury
No. 448—Xenophon.....Wheatley
No. 488—King Edward.....Harrow
No. 500—Rose .....Windsor
No. 521—Ontario.....Windsor
No. 554—Border Cities.....Windsor
No. 579—Harmony.....Windsor
No. 598—Dominion.....Windsor
No. 604—Palace.....Windsor
No. 627—Pelee .....Scudder
No. 641—Garden.....Windsor
No. 642—St. Andrew's.....Windsor

RECAPITULATION

Algoma District.....15 Lodges
Brant District.....14 Lodges
Bruce District.....12 Lodges
Chatham District.....14 Lodges
Eastern District.....18 Lodges
Frontenac District.....18 Lodges
Georgian District.....19 Lodges
Grey District.....12 Lodges
Hamilton A District.....16 Lodges
Hamilton B District.....16 Lodges
London.....23 Lodges
Muskoka District.....8 Lodges
Niagara District.....25 Lodges
Nipissing District.....17 Lodges
North Huron District.....12 Lodges
Ontario District.....13 Lodges
Ottawa District.....27 Lodges
Peterborough District.....11 Lodges
Prince Edward District.....16 Lodges
Sarnia District.....21 Lodges
South Huron District.....18 Lodges
St. Lawrence District .....18 Lodges
St. Thomas.....11 Lodges
Temiskaming District.....11 Lodges
Toronto A District.....28 Lodges
Toronto B District.....28 Lodges
Toronto C District.....27 Lodges
Toronto D District.....25 Lodges
Victoria District.....12 Lodges
Wellington District.....19 Lodges
Wilson District.....20 Lodges
Windsor District.....19 Lodges

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LODGES BY LOCATION

Location	Name and No.
Abingdon	Lincoln 544
Acton	Walker 321
Ailsa Craig	Craig 574
Alexandria	Alexandria 439
Alliston	Seven Star 285
Almonte	Mississippi 147
Alvinston	Alvinston 323
Ameliasburg	Lake 215
Amherstburg	Thistle 34
Ancaster	Seymour 272
Arden	St. Andrew's 497
Arkona	Arkona 307
Arnprior	Madawaska 196
Arthur	Prince Arthur 334
Athens	Rising Sun 85
Aultsville	Farran's Point 256
Aurora	Rising Sun 129
Avonmore	Avonmore 452
Aylmer	Malahide 140
Ayr	Ayr 172
Baden	Wilmot 318
Bancroft	Bancroft 482
Barrie	Corinthian 96
Barrie	Kerr 230
Bath	Maple Leaf 119
Beachburg	Enterprise 516
Beamsville	Ivy 115
Beaverton	Murray 408
Beeton	Spry 385
Belleville	Eureka 283
Belleville	Moira 11
Belleville	The Belleville 123
Belmont	Belmont 190
Binbrook	Harmony 57
Birch Cliff	Birch Cliff 612
Blenheim	Kent 274
Blind River	Penewobikong 487
Blyth	Blyth 303
Bobcaygeon	Verulam 268
Bolton	True Blue 98
Bothwell	Star of the East 422
Bowmanville	Jerusalem 31
Bracebridge	Muskoka 360
Bradford	Simcoe 79
Brampton	Ionic 229
Brantford	Brant 45
Brantford	Doric 121
Brantford	Ozias 508
Brantford	Reba 515
Bridgeburg	Palmer 372
Brigden	Leopold 397
Brighton	United 29
Brockville	Salem 368
Brockville	Sussex 5
Brooklin	Mount Zion 39
Brussels	St. John's 284
Bryanston	Middlesex 379
Burford	Burford 106
Burk's Falls	Corona 454
Burlington	Burlington 165
Burlington Beach	Beach 639
Byron	Ashlar 610
Caledon East	Peel 468
Caledonia	St. Andrew's 62
Campbellford	Golden Rule 126
Campbellville	Campbell 603
Camlachie	Huron 392
Cannington	Brock 354
Capreol	National 588
Cardinal	Cardinal 491
Cargill	Moravian 431
Carlow	Morning Star 309
Carp	Carleton 465
Carleton Place	St. John's 63
Cayuga	St. John's 35
Centreville	Victoria 299
Chapleau	Lorne 622
Chatham	Parthenon 267
Chatham	Wellington 46
Chatham	Victory 563
Chesley	Forest 393
Chesterville	Chesterville 320
Chippawa	King Edward VII 471
Claremont	Brougham Union 269
Clarksburg	Beaver 234
Clifford	Clifford 315
Clinton	Clinton 84
Cobalt	Silver 486
Cobden	Cobden 459
Cobourg	St. John's 17
Coboconk	King George V 498
Cochrane	Cochrane 530
Colborne	Colborne 91
Coldwater	Karnak 492
Collingwood	Manito 90
Comber	Parvaim 395
Consecon	Consecon 50
Cookstown	Manitoba 236
Copper Cliff	Algonquin 536
Cornwall	Cornwall 125
Courtright	Moore 294
Creemore	Nitetis 444
Delaware	Delaware Valley 358
Delhi	Frederick 217
Delta	Harmony 370
Deseronto	Craig 401
Dorchester Sta	Merrill 344
Drayton	Conestogo 295
Dresden	Sydenham 255
Dryden	Golden Star 484
Dundalk	Dundalk 449
Dundas	Valley 100
Dunnville	Amity 32
Durham	Durham 306
Dutton	Cameron 232
Eganville	Bonnechere 433
Elk Lake	Elk Lake 507
Elmira	Glen Rose 628
Elmvale	Coronation 466
Elora	Irvine 203
Embro	Thistle 250
Emo	Manitou 631
Emsdale	Algonquin 434
Englehart	Englenart 534
Erin	Wellington 271
Espanola	Espanola 527
Essex	Central 402
Exeter	Lebanon Forest 133
Fenelon Falls	The Spry 406
Fergus	Mercer 347
Finch	Finch 557
Fingal	Warren 120
Flesherton	Prince Arthur 333
Florence	Florence 390
Fonthill	Phoenix 535
Fordwich	Fordwich 331
Forest	Forest 263
Fort Erie	Fort Erie 613

Location	Name and No.
Fort Frances	Granite 446
Fort William	Kaministiquia 584
Fort William	Fort William 415
Fort William	Royal 453
Frankford	Franck 127
Galt	Alma 72
Galt	Galt 257
Gananoque	Leeds 201
Georgetown	Credit 219
Glencoe	Lorne 282
Goderich	Maitland 33
Gore Bay	Gore Bay 472
Grand Valley	Scott 421
Granton	Granton 483
Gravenhurst	Golden Rule 409
Grimsby	Union 7
Guelph	Guelph 258
Guelph	Speed 180
Guelph	Waverley 361
Hagersville	Hiram 319
Haileybury	Haileybury 485
Haliburton	North Entrance 463
Hamilton	Acacia 61
Hamilton	Barton 6
Hamilton	Buchanan 550
Hamilton	Corinthian 513
Hamilton	Doric 382
Hamilton	Dundurn 475
Hamilton	Electric 495
Hamilton	Hamilton 562
Hamilton	Hillcrest 594
Hamilton	Hugh Murray 602
Hamilton	Ionic 549
Hamilton	St. Andrew's 593
Hamilton	St. John's 40
Hamilton	Strict Observance 27
Hamilton	Temple 324
Hamilton	Tuscan 551
Hamilton	Wardrope 555
Hanover	Hanover 432
Harrietsville	Moffat 399
Harriston	Harriston 262
Harrow	King Edward 488
Harrowsmith	Albion 109
Hastings	Hastings 633
Havelock	Havelock 435
Hawkesbury	Hawkesbury 450
Hazeldean	Hazeldean 517
Hensall	Zurich 224
Hepworth	Burns 436
Hespeler	New Hope 279
Highgate	Highgate 336
Hornepayne	Hornepayne 636
Huntsville	Unity 376
Ilderton	Henderson 388
Ingersoll	King Hiram 37
Ingersoll	St. John's 68
Innerkip	Oak Branch 261
Inwood	Inwood 503
Iroquois	Friendly Brothers 143
Iroquois Falls	Abitibi 540
Jarvis	King Solomon 329
Kapuskasing	Spruce Falls 648
Keene	Keene 374
Keewatin	Keewatin 417
Kemptville	Mount Zion 28
Kenora	Lake of the Woods 445
Kenora	Pequonga 414
Kincardine	Northern Light 93
King	Robertson 292
Kingston	Cataraqui 92
Kingston	Minden 253
Kingston	Queen's 578
Kingston	Royal Edward 585
Kingston	The Anct. St. John's 3
Kingsville	St. George 41
Kinmount	Somerville 451
Kirkfield	Victoria 398
Kirkland Lake	Doric 623
Kitchener	Grand River 151
Kitchener	Twin City 509
Komoka	Myra 529
Lakefield	Clementi 313
Lakeside	Doric 569
Lambeth	St. Paul's 107
Lambton Mills	Mimico 369
Lanark	Evergreen 209
Lancaster	Lancaster 207
Lansdowne	Lansdowne 387
Lawrence	Prince of Wales 171
Leamington	Leamington 290
Lindsay	Faithful Brethren 77
Lindsay	Gothic 608
Listowel	Bernard 225
Little Current	Doric 455
Lobo	Doric 289
Lombardy	Otter 504
Londesboro	Hulletl 568
London	Acacia 580
London	Corinthian 330
London	King Solomon's 378
London	Kilwinning 64
London	St. John's 20
London	St. John's 209a
London	St. George's 42
London	Temple 597
London	Tuscan 195
London	Union 380
Lucan	Irving 154
Lucknow	Old Light 184
Lyn	Lyn 416
Lynden	Lynden 505
Madoc	Madoc 48
Mallorytown	Macoy 242
Maple	Vaughan 54
Markdale	Hiram 490
Markham	Markham Union 87
Marmora	Marmora 222
Martintown	Martintown 596
Mattawa	Mattawa 405
Maxville	Maxville 418
Meaford	Pythagoras 137
Melbourne	Dufferin 364
Merlin	Century 457
Merrickville	Merrickville 55
Merritton	Adanac 614
Midland	Caledonian 249
Millbrook	J. B. Hall 145
Millgrove	Waterdown 357
Milton	St. Clair 135
Milverton	Milverton 478
Mimico	Connaught 501
Mimico	Anthony Sayer 640
Mimico	Lake Shore 645
Mimico	Long Branch 632
Minden	Arcadia 440
Mitchell	Tudor 141
Monkton	Elma 456
Morrisburg	Excelsior 142
Mount Albert	Rowland 646
Mount Brydges	St. John's 81
Mount Elgin	Dereham 624
Mount Forest	St. Alban's 200
Napanee	Union 9
Napier	Ionic 328
Newboro	Simpson 157
Newburgh	Prince of Wales 146
Newcastle	Durham 66
New Hamburg	New Dominion 205

Location	Name and	No.
New Liskeard	Temiskaming	462
Newmarket	Tuscan	99
Niagara	Niagara	2
Niagara Falls	Adoniram	573
Niagara Falls	Clifton	254
Niagara Falls	St. Mark's	105
Nilestown	Nilestown	345
North Augusta	Crystal Fountain	389
North Bay	Nipissing	420
North Bay	North Bay	617
North Gower	Corinthian	476
Norwich	St. John's	104
Norwood	Norwood	223
Oakville	Oakville	400
Odessa	Prince Arthur	228
Oil Springs	Alexandra	158
Omemee	Lorne	375
Onondaga	Onondaga	519
Orangeville	Harris	216
Orillia	Orillia	192
Orono	Orono	325
Oshawa	Cedar	270
Oshawa	Lebanon	139
Oshawa	Temple..U.D.	
Ottawa	Ashlar	564
Ottawa	Civil Service	148
Ottawa	Chaudiere	264
Ottawa	Dalhousie	52
Ottawa	Defenders	590
Ottawa	Doric	58
Ottawa	Lodge of Fidelity	231
Ottawa	Prince of Wales	371
Ottawa	Rideau	595
Ottawa	St. Andrew's	560
Ottawa	Sydney Albert Luke	558
Ottawa	The Builders	177
Owen Sound	North Star	322
Owen Sound	St. George's	88
Paisley	Aldworth	235
Palmerston	Blair	314
Paris	St. John's	82
Parkhill	Doric	233
Parry Sound	Granite	352
Pembroke	Pembroke	128
Penetanguishene	Georgian	348
Perth	True Britons	14
Peterborough	Corinthian	101
Peterborough	Peterborough	155
Peterborough	Royal Arthur	523
Petrolia	Petrolia	194
Petrolia	Washington	260
Pickering	Doric	424
Picton	Prince Edward	18
Plattsville	Plattsville	178
Porcupine	Porcupine	506
Port Arthur	Shuniah	287
Port Arthur	Port Arthur	499
Port Arthur	Thunder Bay	618
Port Burwell	Oriental	181
Port Credit	Mississauga	524
Port Colborne	Macnab	169
Port Dalhousie	Seymour	277
Port Dover	Erie	149
Port Elgin	Port Elgin	429
Port Hope	Hope	114
Port Hope	Ontario	26
Port McNicol	Earl Kitchener	538
Port Perry	Fidelity	428
Port Robinson	Myrtle	337
Port Rowan	Walsingham	174
Port Stanley	St. Mark's	94
Powassan	Powassan	443
Prescott	Central	110
Preston	Preston	297
Princeton	Blenheim	108

Location	Name and	No.
Queensville	Sharon	97
Rainy River	Ionic	461
Renfrew	Renfrew	122
Riceville	Plantagenet	186
Richmond	Goodwood	159
Richmond Hill	Richmond	23
Ridgetown	Howard	391
Ridgeway	Dominion	615
Rodney	Rodney	411
Russell	Russell	479
Sarnia	St. Paul	601
Sarnia	Liberty	419
Sarnia	Tuscan	437
Sarnia	Victoria	56
Sault Ste. Marie	Algoma	469
Sault Ste. Marie	Keystone	412
Sault Ste. Marie	Hatherly	625
Schomberg	Union	118
Scotland	Scotland	193
Seaforth	Britannia	170
Scudder	Pelee	627
Seeley's Bay	Rideau	460
Sharbot Lake	Frontenac	621
Shelburne	Lorne	377
Simcoe	Norfolk	10
Sioux Lookout	Sioux Lookout	518
Smith's Falls	Osiris	489
Smith's Falls	St. Francis	24
Smithville	Coronation	502
Sombra	St. Clair	425
Southampton	St. Lawrence	131
South Augusta	St. James	74
Stamford Centre	Stamford	626
Spencerville	Nation	556
Springfield	Springfield	259
Stayner	Northern Light	266
St. Catharines	Maple Leaf	103
St. Catharines	St. George's	15
St. Catharines	Perfection	616
St. Catharines	Temple	296
St. George	St. George	243
Stirling	Stirling	69
St. Mary's	St. James	73
St. Mary's	St. Mary's	493
Stoney Creek	Wentworth	166
Stouffville	Richardson	136
Stratford	Stratford	332
Stratford	Tecumseh	144
Strathroy	Beaver	83
Streetsville	River Park	356
Stroud	Minerva	304
St. Thomas	St. David's	302
St. Thomas	St. Thomas	44
St. Thomas	Talbot	546
Sturgeon Falls	Sturgeon Falls	447
Sudbury	Nickel	427
Sunderland	King Edward	464
Sundridge	Strong	423
Sutton West	Malone	512
Tamworth	Lorne	404
Tara	Maple Leaf	362
Tavistock	Tavistock	609
Teeswater	Teeswater	276
Thamesford	King Solomon	394
Thamesville	Tecumseh	245
Thedford	Cassia	116
Thessalon	Dyment	442
Thorndale	Mount Olivet	300
Thornhill	Patterson	265
Thorold	Mountain	221
Tilbury	Naphtali	413
Tillsonburg	King Hiram	78
Timmins	Golden Beaver	528
Tiverton	Bruce	341
Todmorden	Todmorden	647

Location	Name and	No.
Toronto	Acacia	430
Toronto	Alpha	384
Toronto	Antiquity	571
Toronto	Ashlar	247
Toronto	Bay-of-Quinte	620
Toronto	Bedford	638
Toronto	Caledonia	637
Toronto	Canada	532
Toronto	Cathedral	643
Toronto	Corinthian	481
Toronto	Coronati	520
Toronto	Delta	634
Toronto	Doric	316
Toronto	Dufferin	570
Toronto	Fairbank	592
Toronto	Fidelity	575
Toronto	Georgina	343
Toronto	General Mercer	548
Toronto	Golden Fleece	607
Toronto	Grenville	629
Toronto	Grey	589
Toronto	Harcourt	581
Toronto	Harmony	438
Toronto	High Park	531
Toronto	Huron-Bruce	611
Toronto	Imperial	543
Toronto	Ionic	25
Toronto	King Solomon's	22
Toronto	Kilwinning	565
Toronto	King Hiram	566
Toronto	John Ross Robertson	545
Toronto	Maple Leaf	600
Toronto	Melita	605
Toronto	Metropolitan	542
Toronto	Mizpah	572
Toronto	Mimosa	576
Toronto	Mt. Sinai	522
Toronto	North Gate	591
Toronto	Oakwood	553
Toronto	Occident	346
Toronto	Orient	339
Toronto	Palestine	559
Toronto	Parkdale	510
Toronto	Patricia	587
Toronto	Prince of Wales	630
Toronto	Queen City	552
Toronto	Rehoboam	65
Toronto	Riverdale	494
Toronto	Runnymede	619
Toronto	Shamrock	533
Toronto	Simcoe	644
Toronto	Stanley	426
Toronto	Stevenson	218
Toronto	Sunnyside	582
Toronto	St. Aidan's	567
Toronto	St. Albans	514
Toronto	St. Andrew's	16
Toronto	St. Clair	577
Toronto	St. George	367
Toronto	St. John's	75
Toronto	Temple	525
Toronto	The Beaches	473
Toronto	Transportation	583
Toronto	Tuscan	541
Toronto	Ulster	537
Toronto	Unity	606
Toronto	University	496
Toronto	Victoria	474
Toronto	Victory	547
Toronto	War Veterans	586
Toronto	Wellington	635
Toronto	Wilson	36
Toronto	York	156
Toronto	Zeta	410
Toronto	Zetland	326
Tottenham	Tottenham	467
Trenton	Trent	38
Tweed	Tweed	239
Uxbridge	Zeredatha	220
Vankleek Hill	St. John's	21
Victoria Harbor	Victoria	470
Vienna	Vienna	237
Vittoria	Vittoria	359
Wales	Wales	458
Walkerton	Saugeen	197
Wallaceburg	Pnyx	312
Wardsville	Hammond	327
Warkworth	Percy	161
Waterford	Wilson	113
Waterloo	Waterloo	539
Watford	Havelock	238
Welland	Copestone	373
Welland	Merritt	168
Wellandport	Dufferin	338
Wellington	Star in the East	164
Westboro	Acacia	561
Westboro	Ionic	526
West Flamboro	Dufferin	291
W. Fort William	Connaught	511
West Lorne	McColl	386
Weston	Humber	305
Weston	Mount Dennis	599
Westport	Westport	441
Wheatley	Xenophon	448
Whitby	Composite	30
Wiarton	Cedar	396
Williamsburg	Williamsburg	480
Winchester	Henderson	383
Windsor	Border Cities	554
Windsor	Dominion	598
Windsor	Garden	641
Windsor	Great Western	47
Windsor	Harmony	579
Windsor	Ontario	521
Windsor	Palace	604
Windsor	Rose	500
Windsor	St. Andrew's	642
Windsor	Windsor	403
Wingham	Wingham	286
Woodbridge	Blackwood	311
Woodville	Harding	477
Woodstock	King Solomon's	43
Woodstock	Oxford	76
Wroxeter	Forest	162
Wyoming	Burns	153
York	Enniskillen	185

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2—A. M. Shaw, May 7; R. W. Allen, June 27. 3—J. A. Minnes, Apr. 6, T. A. Davidson, June 6; A. M. Rankin, June 21; G. H. Amythe, Sep. 8; R. E. Kent, Dec. 12; F. E. Callaghan, Nov. 23. 5—T. G. Cook, Jan. 5; A. R. Smart; Jan. 16; G. E. Smart, Jan. 30; K. Bramley, Feb. 23; A. E. Fitton, May 27; D. Simpson, May 4; W. E. W. Manhard, Aug. 8; J. W. Stagg, Sep. 19; J.W. Ridgeway, Sept. 20; R. Kinney, Sept. 26; A. E. Parker, Nov. 19. 6—W. Scott, Jan. 1; H. B. Witton, Jan 28; J. Lawson, Apr. 29; A. C. Garden, May 19; H. Crowe, Oct., 1921; W. J. Drope, June 20; G. H. Richmond, Sr., June 24; J. M. Shepherd, Aug. 13; J. M. Eastwood, Sep. 24; A. A. Lees, Oct. 12; C. W. Gardner, Dec. 13; 7—W. J. Drope, June 21; W. J. Stewart, Jan 3; S. Whittaker, Apr. 27; H. Fleming, July 6. 9—D. H. Preston, Sep. 24; G. F. Ruttan, Sep. 24; E. McLaughlin, Nov. 23; 10—A. Shand, Sep. 18; F. Reid, Dec. 14. 11—G. R. Brown, July 11; A. G. C. Matthews, Aug 3; N. R. Fleming, Sep. 1; R. Oliphant, Sep. 13. 14—W. J. McKerracher, Jan 20; J. A. Cherrie, Sep. 26. 15—E. O. Veale, Jan. 22; A. Wills, Apr. 22; D. B. Crombie, Mar. 9; G. E. Patterson, June 12. 16—W. G. Anderson, Mar. 9; W. G. Morrison, Mar. 19; W. C. Wilkinson, May 26; J. W. Watson, Aug. 17; A. E. Brownlee, Sep. 6; A. J. Emodi, Sep. 6; E. F. Walker, Oct. 12; F. I. Miller, Nov. 9; F. Pearsen, Nov. 25; H. E. Pearce, Dec. 7; A. E. Hagerman, Dec. 17; D. Pike, Dec. 22. 17—J. W. Bickle, May 6; R. A. Cruickshank, Mar. 13; D. W. Jex, Aug. 9. 18—F. T. Wright, Feb. 23; W. Boulter, Feb. 27; S. Ferguson, May 21; W. A. Foster, June 11; J. Hazel, Oct. 14. 20—J. A. Barnard, Apr. 8; R. McWells, June 12; J. G. Watson, June 21; W. R. Hobbs, Jan. 17; H. W. Burton, Feb. 19; S. Issaac, Jan. 30; R. Clarke, Mar. 20— J. Tanton, Sep. 1; N. Henry, Oct. 23; W. H. Brown, Nov. 15. 22—R. M. Hansler, Feb. 24; W. Laidlaw, Mar 25; W. E. Steel, 13 May; W. W. Vickers, 27 June; H. Peters, 16 Aug.; J. Boyle, 28 Sep.; R. McClelland, 19 Oct.; F. Smith, 14 Dec. 25—J. C. MacDougall, 30 Jan; J. Denovan, 20 Feb.; H. J. Wickham, 17 May; A. W. Campbell, 9 May; D. Armour, 15 June; E. Bristol, 14 July; R. H. Fleming, 12 July; H. Ferguson, 11 Sep.; G. J. Bennett, 15 Sep.; F. N. Waldie, 29 Aug.; F. C. Hood, 14 Nov. 26—J. S. Annesley, 27 June; J. A. Brown, 6 Aug.; S. Bones, 14 Sep.; A. B. Skicth, 10 Sep; R. A. Mul-

holland, 1 Oct. 27—W. Slee, 22 Jan.; J. Scott, 6 Mar.; W. Bruce, 7 Mar.; A. E. Ash, 27 Apr.; W. Wyndham, 24 June; S. E. Townsend, 6 Sep.; F. Hills, 23 Oct.; A. E. Ross, 19 Nov. 29—J. Stanley, 12 Apr. 32—R. W. G. Conally, 16 June; C. W. Featherstone, 18 Sep.; W. Marshall, 20 Nov. 33—C. Blackstone, 19 Sep.; J. Logan, 31 Oct. 35—T. Fissetts, 29 Apr. 37—T. E. Buckle, 23 Apr.; F. W. Staples, 18 June. 38—G. Collins, 2 Apr.; J. Funnell, 28 Nov. 39—R. McIntyre, 11 Mar.; R. H. Walks, 8 Nov. 40—W. J. Brigger, 8 Jan.; G. S. Laurie, 8 Jan.; W. Walker, 28 Mar.; J. McMaster, 30 Mar.; D. Moore, 14 May; S. S. King, 22 May; J. Bishop, 3 June; W. J. Drope, 21 June; A. T. Bloom, 17 July; F. W. Herring, 15 Oct.; W. T. Turner, 18 Oct.; T. McHattie 25 Oct.; W. Malcolm, 21 Dec. 41—R. Nelson, 2 Jan.; R. Ulch, 11 Jan.; G. W. Cady, 11 Feb.; L. Mallott, 15 Feb.; H. Lumsden, 8 May; E. B. Wigle, 20 Aug.; G. Longland, 30 Sep.; G. Elliott, 20 Oct. 42—W. H. Dingle, 6 July; J. W. Cawrse, 27 Sep. 43—W. Gardener, 30 Dec., 1926; J. W. Spedding, 6 Jan.; R. Wellington, 26 Jan.; C. Kemp, 23 Apr.; G. Mark, 7 May; J. McPhail, 14 Aug; A. J. Lepper, 24 Nov. 44—A. H. Martin, 17 Feb.; W. J. Kerr, 2 Mar.; A. Leitch, 9 Mar.; L. W. Cole, 16 Mar.; J. Barnes, 26 Mar; A. W. Campbell, 9 May; J. G. Harries, 19 Apr.; G. Cockram, 18 May. 45—T. C. Ellison, 10 Jan.; H. Buschlen, 13 Jan.; F. W. Frank, 2 Apr.; W. Smythe, 21 Apr; J. A. McDonald, 30 Apr.; T. Darwen, 9 May; J. W. Smith, 17 June; W. Coghill, 3 Aug.; S. F. Passmore, 29 Sep. 46—E. Jordan, 30 Mar.; A. T. Meredith, 27 May; J. H. Burnie, 3 July; M. Campbell, 22 Nov.; A. Clark, 17 Dec.; A. T. Mountier, 25 Dec. 47—W. Callan, Jan.; G. H. Timm, 14 Feb.; A. McNichol, 12 Mar.; T. Peters, 20 May; W. A. Brown, 14 June; R. J. Tuck, Sep.; J. Reynolds, 4 Aug. 48—J. D. Blue, 22 Mar.; W. Unwin, 12 Sep. 52—R. A. Brown, 28 Dec., 1926; G. Ross, 22 May; E. D. Lowe, 24 June; P. Reid, 13 Nov; W. T. King, 27 Sep. 55—G. L. Burritt, 6 Sep.; R. Nevins, 17 Dec. 56—P. D. Leman, 13 Mar.; W. J. I. Parsons, 8 Apr.; C. Blake, 18 Apr.; C. S. Ellis, 30 May; J. R. Polley, 5 July; W. Williams, 3 Oct. 57—M. L. Lowden, 28 Jan; H. Barlow, 11 Apr.; E. J. Duffy, 30 May. 58—W. Alford, 6 Jan.; C. W. Mitchell, 9 Jan.; W. H. Colbourne, 19 May; C. A. Culbert, 30 June; G. A. Shouldis, 26 July; G. Gale, 22 Aug.; J. Mather, 3 Oct.; S. M. L. Fraser, 24 Dec. 61—T. O. Scott, 4 Mar.; T. P. Miller, 7 Mar.; H. Zealand, 9 May; J. Levy, 19 May; E. A. Vollick, 9 June; F. W. Gayfer, 26 July; R. M. Griffin, 27 Sep.; C. L. McIrvine, 9 Nov.; T. S. Turnbull, 25 Nov. 62—R. E. Theyer, 25 Nov. 64—R. P. Liddle, 14 Apr.; P. Birtwistle, 19 Apr.; H. E. Palmer, 2 June; A. Johns, 14 Sep; F. H. Farnworth, 18 Nov.; T. Woolley, 20 Dec. 65—A. B. Chambers, Dec. 29, 1926; W. J. Wilson, 24 Jan.; P. F. Graham-Bell, 20 Feb.; J. D. LeBrocq, 11 May; W. Robertson, 10 June; J. A. Darch, 13 July; J. S. Somers, 10 Aug.; J. F. Galster, 1 Oct.; H. J. W. Ellis, 25 Dec. 66—A. Farncomb, 23 Feb.; J. S. Wade, 25 Nov. 68—J. Fishleigh, 20 Feb.; G. Muterer, 29 Mar.; R. Hamilton, 20 Apr.; A. Sutherland, 12 Nov. 72—C. W. McWilliams, 15 Feb.; W. Woodward, 26 Mar.; O.H. Vogt, 28 Apr.; T. H. Smith, 24 Dec. 73—W. Andrews, 19 Mar; T. Gordon, 3 Sep. 74—W. J. Bissell, 25 Mar.; J. S. Beattie, 15 Nov. 75—J. G. Boyce, 21 Feb.; G. C. Read, 25 Feb.; D. D. MacKay, 20 Oct.; H. F. Squires, 9 Nov.; J. H. Slute, 25 Nov. 76—A. M. Clarke, 27 Apr. 77—A. J. Birchard, 7 Mar.; J. Carew, 19 July; R. G. Corneil, 1 Sep.; J. C. Finley, 10 Oct.; J. D. Graham, no date 78—S. O. Cascadden, 21 Feb.; F. Small, 11 June; R. E. Stroud, 23 June; J. R. Hill 10 July; B. F. Bell, 5 Oct. 79—J. Spence, 17 Sep. 81—G. A. Robertson, 21 Feb.; F. Steer, 1 Mar.; R. Agnew, 3 June; J. W. Adair, 17 June; W. H. Clay, 30 Sept. 82—A. Whitebread, 23 Feb.; O. F. Wintermut, 10 Sep. 83—R. Walters, 20 Apr. 84—J. E. Blackall, 30 May, E. G. Courtice, 12 June. 86—T. Hook, 2 Jan.; H. E. Peagam, 8 Feb.; J. Johnston, 22 Feb.; W. H. Wells, 5 May; F. Dalton, 22 July; E. A. Prince, 12 Sep.; J. S. Ferguson, 16 Sep.; H. Campbell, 23 Sep.; J. Coulter, 16 Oct. 87—J. B. Huffman, 21 May; A. J. Wakely, 31 July; 88—J. Nicol, 11 Oct.; 90—D. J. B. Mitchell, 3 May, W. Harmon, 5 June; H. F. Trott, 24 Nov. 91—W. S. Plews, 28 Dec., 1926; C. Southon, 6 Apr.; J. Scougale, 7 May; J. A. Henderson, 17 May. 92—C. de Carteret, May 1; D. M. Barr, 5 Nov.; 93—A. Donley, 20 Mar.; E. Miller, 25 July; R. Patterson, 30 Aug. 94—J. L. Oliver, 17 Feb.; W. Berry, 8 Apr.; H. B. Taylor, 28 Apr. 96—T. Jevons, 11 June; H. D. Jamieson, 27 Sep. 98—L. Hutton, 23 Mar. 99—A. J. Gilmour, 19 Mar.; L. Atkinson, 7 July; R. H. Brimson, 25 Sep. 100—W. H. Shipman, 27 Jan.; M. Howarth, 28 Feb.; T. Law, 8 Dec. 101—P. Trebilcock, 17 Mar.; R. B. Rogers, 2 Oct. 103—R. H. Bradley, 13 Apr. W. W. Nothgraves, 29 Apr.; H. P. Johnston, 7 Sep.; A. Petterson, 7 Nov. H. VanWyck, 24 July. 104—C. Witts, 11 Apr.; H. Stewart, 21 Sep.; W. Fairley, 7 Dec. 105—C. J. McKenzie, 19 Apr.; I. B. Mackay, 7 Apr. 106—W. Bonney, 3 Mar.; F. Johnston, 9 July. 107—T. Brooks, L. M. Vandermade, 18 June. 108—T. Conway, Aug. 109—G. J. Jenkins, 19 Feb. 110—J. Ferguson, 3 Feb.; F. J. Davy, 6 May; A. T. Adams, 22 Nov. 113—W. L. Renton, 4 Jan.; G. M. Duncombe, 15 Nov. 114—R. W. Dyer, 15 Mar.; C. Hutchings, 28 Feb.; T. E. Burt, 26 May; W. Garfat, 2 Sep. 115—D. May r, 8 Apr.; W. Cooper, 12 July. 118—W. Potter, 6 May; F. Attrdige, 27 July; E. F. Walker, 12 Oct. 119—T. Seaward, 19 Feb. 120—H. D. Brush, 2 Apr.

D. Cameron, 4 Aug.; W. A. Stafford, 18 Oct. 121—W. H. Harvey, 14 Jan.; L. A. Fordham, 23 Jan.; R. H. Riley, 1 May; G. Miller, 7 Sep.; G. T. Harwood, 7 Sep. 122—P. McLean, 23 July; E. H. Stevenson, 26 July; J. B. Ferguson, 15 Oct. 123—H. Loadsman, 18 Nov.; W. P. Way, 6 Apr.; W. J. Summerville, 30 Nov. 125—C. R. Young, 5 Apr.; D. Gillespie, 23 Aug.; M. R. Plantz, 3 July; J. Kirkpatrick, 7 Dec. 126—W. J. Drope, 21 June; G. D. Dickson, 14 Nov. 127—J. E. Anderson, 7 Aug.; W. B. Davis, 28 July; G. A. Labey, 19 Mar. 128—T. MacDonald, 5 Apr.; C. M. Small, 15 Feb.; J. T. Stuart, 1 June; R. Tyner, 14 Sep. 129—H. T. Kinley, 24 Nov. 135—W. O. Morse, 3 July; S. R. Bews, 9 Oct. 137—G. Haines, 11 Mar.; G. Watson, 22 Apr.; J. E. Morrow, 18 Dec. 139—W. Hall, 15 June; A. E. Wilcox, 28 Aug.; R. J. Pye, 26 Sep. 140—R. Auger, 27 Jan.; W. U. Harvey, 13 Jan.; T. W. Benner, 26 Oct.; A. Chambers, 13 Oct.; G. F. Clark, 18 Nov. 141—D. Campbell, 24 Mar.; J. P. Coppin, 6 Feb.; J. Heal, 19 Apr. 142—H. A. Armstrong, 28 Jan.; T. F. Chamberlain, 5 Mar.; B. B. Tucker, 5 May; T. W. Howson, 27 Oct. 143—J. H. McNairn, 29 Sep.; C. E. Cameron, 26 Oct.; E. Thompson, 4 Nov. 146—W. Bourgoyne, 25 May; J. Mulholland, 18 Dec. 147—G. Illingworth, 20 June; W. S. McDowall, 20 Nov.; R. Pollock, 17 Mar. 148—H. W. S. Patterson, 21 Apr. E. C. Colby, Aug.; G. D. Tope, 28 Oct. 151—G. Harrison, 31 Dec., 1926; J. D. Weir, 9 June; C. A. Richardson, 3 Sep.; C. A. Boehn, 17 Dec. 153—T. Nisbet, 23 Oct.; W. Fee, 19 July. 154—J. Dundas, 21 May; T. Kitt, 18 Aug. 155—R. Hamilton, 27 Apr.; W. J. Drope, 21 June; J. Rose, 11 Aug.; W. H. Hill, 13 Oct. 156—J. Atkinson, 3 Mar.; S. H. Hofland, 9 July; A. O. Lee, 5 Oct.; J. S. Davis, 5 Nov. 157—G. W. Earle, 3 Oct. 158—G. N. Bennett, 30 Aug. 159—J. McCaffrey, 7 Mar.; W. H. Davis, 25 Dec. 164—M. F. Stuart, 18 Feb.; J. J. Broad, 27 May; C. D. McCullough, 4 June; J. D. Stapleton, 2 July; J. Stevenson, 15 Nov. 165—C. J. Bousfield, 16 Feb.; W. Henderson, 1 May; G. H. Sinclair, 30 June; W. R. Watson, 19 Sep.; W. W. Boyd, 13 Nov.; E. B. Burns, 25 Nov 166—J. A. Stevens, 19 Mar.; M. Shaw, 12 April; G. L. Biggar, 28 Apr.; L. W. St. John, 6 Sep.; F. W. Dewitt, 3 Nov. 168—E. C. Whitmore, 10 Apr.; R. Champion, 1 June; J. Kottmier, 12 July. 169—W. J. Forsythe, no date. 170—W. Ritchie, 24 Feb. 171—A. E. Dangerfield, 11 Dec. 172—R. Gourlay, 23 Nov. 174—C. H. Woodward, 21 Feb.; E. Woodward, 30 Apr. 177—W. J. Jackson, 2 Apr.; H. H. Cairns, 3 Apr.; W. J. Loughren, 21 Sep.; M. J. Purves, 2 Oct.; J. Irvine, 9 Nov.; H. B. Spencer, 25 Dec. 180—J. C. Conery, 19 Jan.; M. S. Burton, 5 Dec. 184—J. McGregor, 24 Jan.; K. J. McKenzie, 7 Dec. 185—J. Senn, 23 Sep. 192—J. J. Windrum, 21 Jan.; M. G. Cooke, 30 Jan.; J. Connington, 27 Mar.; R. N. Calverley, 15 May; G. R. Brabazon, 25 Dec. 193—E. G. Malcolm, 7 May; J. McEwan, 24 May. 194—A. Foirn, 12 Feb.; W. A. Simpson, 29 July; R. J. Polley, 3 Aug.; B. P. Corey, 26 Oct. 195—P. J. Watt, 19 Feb.; H. J. Lawson, March; J. Macpherson, 12 Nov. 196—S. L. Smith, 30 June; A. Wilson, 6 July; E. Farmer, 22 Sep.; R. B. Albertson, 20 June; G. F. MacNab, 21 Oct.; E. E. Dorway, 31 Oct.; W. O. Dick, 7 Nov. 197—D. Traill, 26 Feb.; H. Zilliax, 7 Mar.; G. J. Dickison, 18 Aug. 201—D. Darling, 25 July. 203—J. G. Walters, 5 Jan. 207—C. Sangster, 31 Dec., 1926; J. R. McKee, 16 Feb. 209a—W. H. Robinson, 2 Jan.; W. A. Marshall, 18 Jan.; J. L. Johnson, 10 Feb.; C. F. Colwell, 6 Jan., 1925; A. C. Anderson, 24 June; G. F. Clarke, 13 Aug.; T. P. Elliott, 6 Sep.; F. Morgan, 23 Dec. 209—W. Legary 13 Dec. 215—M. B. Dixon, 30 June. 216—J. H. Hulse, 30 Jan.; J. E. Booth, 30 May. 217—F. Goodlett, 18 Jan.; G. Jefferies, 16 Apr.; R. Quance, 12 May; J. Burtch, 5 Dec. 218—A. Burrows, 28 Jan.; G. Guest, 22 Feb.; J. Morrow, 18 Apr.; A. E. David, 1 July; J. Wright, 12 Aug. 220—W. Fisher, 11 Feb.; T. H. Hackner, 23 Oct. 222—R. Laycock, 7 Aug. 223—J. Frost, 7 Oct. 221—J. Johnstone, 26 Jan.; J. Moffatt, 2 Apr. 225—C. Zilliax, 8 Apr.; Y. Coulter, 19 Oct.; W. A. McDonald, 7 Nov. 228—R. Smith, 7 May; H. R. Peters, 3 Nov.; R. Bennett, 21 July; 230—H. Lennox, 26 July; W. Williams, 12 Nov. 231—W. H. Smith, 20 Jan.; F. A. Scott, 21 Mar.; J. W. McKay, 23 Apr.; C. J. Pearson, 14 July; A. Wilson, 19 Oct.; J. H. Crosbie, 14 Dec. 233—W. H. Bartram, 15 Dec. 234—R. Crossland, 31 Dec., 1926; W. E. Johnston, 24 Apr. 235—W. F. Briggs, August. 236—C. M. Smith, 16 July. 237—J. E. Smith, 25 June; T. Gagen, 29 Oct. 238—S. W. Rogers, 24 May; J. W. McLaren, 2 Sep.; B. Richardson, 14 Nov. 239—J. Farrar, 3 Mar.; W. F. Graham, 8 May; S. N. Fluke, 11 Oct.; W. J. Lawrence, 8 Dec. 242—R. K. Phillips, 13 Sep. 243—J. H. Cornell, 7 Nov. 245—W. M. Bambridge, 4 June. 247—J. S. Giles, 29 Apr.; R. Burns, July. 250—W. J. Campbell, 22 Jan. 253—J. H. Hughson, 9 Mar.; W. Pillar, 30 Apr.; G. Boyd, Aug; A. Strachan, Sep. 254—B. Carter, 18 Jan.; A. C. Ross, 28 Mar.; M. Catherwood, 27 June; W. Briscall, 30 June; W. Buchanan, 5 July; F. L. Benson, 10 Aug. 255—D. McGregor, 22 Feb. 256—J. Salmon, Jan.; A. Markell, 24 Sep. 257—J. Welland, 31 Mar.; W. J. Trapp, 9 June; W. McClure, 23 June; A. Hawk, 5 Oct.; T. Vair, 28 Nov. 258—J. A. McHardy, 6 June; R. McKen, 11 Aug.; R. P. Thomson, 15 Oct.; 259—J. H. Hagerty, 30 July. 260—A. McColl, 2 Feb. 262—J. B. McCready, 21 Feb.; A. Michie, 21 May; R. Holton, 18 Sep.; C. Bowers, 18 Dec. 263—T. H. Rumford, 24 Apr. 264—R. Brown, 17 Apr.;

R. D. Meek, 19 Apr.; R. E. McCracken, 4 Jan.; E. Stanford, 10 May; F. Timberlake, 27 Jan.; J. L. Little, 11 May; J. H. Wilson, 21 July; A. H. Wheeler, 27 July. 265—E. A. James, 11 Feb. 266—J. K. Woodwork, 14 June. 267—G. Kime, 21 Jan.; R. H. Abraham, 26 Mar.; A. H. Skirving, 2 July; E. A. Higley, 3 Aug.; A. F. Dillin, 3 Oct.; A. B. McCoig, 21 Nov.; T. H. Neil, 26 Nov. 269—G. W. Coates, 10 June; S. G. Pickett, 6 Mar.; S. Cook, 11 Sep. 270—J. A. Rider, 22 May; E. R. Anderson, 12 Dec. 271—W. Conboy, 29 May; H. Hortop, 29 May. 272—G. B. Smith, 23 Dec., 1926; B. W. Bolton, 10 Apr.; I. Sager, 7 Aug.; H. J. T. Regan, 4 Dec. 274—G. Goldworthy, 2 June; J. Nichol, 16 Nov. 276—G. H. Baker, 17 Mar. 277—D. Keay, 18 May. 279—J. Jamieson, May. 282—J. B. Henry, 20 Feb.; W. J. French, 20 Oct., 1926. 283—W. Haight, 26 Jan.; L. R. Terwilligar, 3 May; H. G. Thompson, 13 Feb.; F. W. Davis, 6 Sep.; G. Holst, 22 Oct. 284—R. H. Ferguson, 26 Jan.; W. Neal, 10 Nov. 286—J. W. King, 14 Jan. 287—J. A. Fraser, 10 Jan; A. J. Peckett, 17 Feb.; H. A. McKibbin, 10 Mar.; J. Haddin, 13 March. 289—R. W. McGugan, 20 Jan.; J. A. Tuckey, 29 May; A. Winter, 14 June. 290—E. Smith, 21 Jan.; G. Foster, 18 July; H. R. Whaley, 27 Sep. 291—W. Mennell, 18 June; A. Minchin, 8 Aug. 294—F. K. Johnson, 18 Jan.; C. G. McColl, 2 Oct. 295—P. Richardson, 16 Nov. 296—J. B. McIntyre, 21 Jan.; L. Haynes, 4 Mar.; R. Blank, 15 Oct. 297—G. Tilt, 16 Apr. 299—J. B. Lucas, 18 Feb. 300—C. S. Fitzgerald, 2 Feb.; A. Buckle, 24 June; J. Henderson, 10 July; J. D. Salmon, 29 Nov. 302—J. E. Curran, 11 Jan.; R. N. Price, 1 May; A. C. Streith, 22 Apr.; J. P. Hillishim, 18 Aug.; J. H. Watson, 25 Nov.; A. W. Birnie, 10 Sep.; W. Frazer, 12 Dec. 303—R. R. Fear, 9 Mar. 305—H. Roberts, 3 Apr.; R. J. Bull, 18 Dec. 309—R. Stalker, 3 Apr. 311—A. Robinson, 1 May. 312—R. K. Toles, 8 May; W. H. Moore, 18 July. 313—C. O. Northey, 5 Jan. 314—J. B. Skelton, 24 Jan. 316—A. J. Bowman, 22 Apr.; C. H. Clemmer, 17 Mar.; C. P. Stuart, 23 Mar.; E. P. Pearson, 30 Mar.; H. M. Cusack, 2 Mar.; W. Tingle, 10 June; F. J. Roche, 30 June; J. L. Hutcheson, 22 Aug.; J. A. Cowan, 19 Dec. 318—W. Witt, 13 Sep.; A. Kavelman, 23 Dec. 319—J. W. Courtuage, 19 Oct.; D. J. Almas, 24 Nov. 320—G. A. McGregor, 3 June; T. Hamilton, 5 Dec. 322—G. A. Harcourt, 20 June; D. P. Patterson, 17 Aug.; T. Watson, 14 Sep.; J. Leslie, 16 July; F. Cathrae, 7 Feb. 323—E. R. Bell, 27 Sep. 324—W. Goering, 25 Feb.; G. J. Reid, 2 Mar.; W. A. Gilbert, 2 Mar.; G. W. Cannon, 21 Mar.; E. S. Richardson, 14 May; J. A. Young, 20 May; W. J. Drope, 21 June; A. Wilson, 20 July; F. W. Brennan, 21 Aug.; J. M. Eastwood, 24 Sep.; J. M. Young, 3 Oct.; G. E. Price, 6 Oct. 326—W. J. L. Anderson, 28 Jan.; R. McGill, 25 Feb.; T. A. Haire, 1 May; A. Hawood, 3 May; J. L. Logan, 28 May; J. W. H. Vigeon, 23 June; T. S. G. Pepler, 30 June; C. A. Blackford, D. Walker, 6 Dec. 329—W. Jacques, 27 June. 330—R. Bonney, 29 Mar.; R. Sharp, 13 Dec. 332—G. H. Smith, 26 Dec., 1926; F. J. Colvin, 18 Jan.; S. L. Ireland, 4 Feb.; J. Wilson, 8 Nov. 333—W. L. Wright, 29 June. 337—T. Irwin, 19 Dec. 338—F. Birtles, 18 May. J. K. Tindale, 3 Sep.; J. Sunday, 6 Sep. 339—J. Shore, 28 Dec., 1926; D. Baldam, 23 Feb.; F. King, 2 May; E. Hindle, 21 May; E. P. Green, 14 Aug.; J. Noble, 6 Sep. 341—W. H. Giles, 18 Feb. 343—T. C. Howard, 9 June; H. Denison, 31 Jan.; C. A. Finkbeiner, 18 May; J. H. Wood, 20 July; W. G. Haynes, 7 Oct.; R. H. Robinson, 31 July. 344—C. M. Small, 1 Jan. 345—W. R. Lawson, 29 Aug. 347—T. Porter, 15 May; W. H. Lake, 18 May; E. Greenwood, 13 June; W. D. Bell, 28 Dec., 1926; J. H. Galvin, 11 Jan.; S. R. Johnson, 14 Jan.; F. K. Schroeder, 23 Aug.; A. Beddow, 22 Sep. 347—F. A. Black, 3 Jan. 352—W. E. Gorham, 30 Dec., 1926; J. Argue, 15 Mar.; R. J. Markle, 31 May; T. R. Hill, 20 Nov. 354—A. T. Reid, 3 Apr.; N. V. Pipher, 7 Oct. 356—R. J. Davis, 8 Dec. 357—F. W. Crooker, 24 June; J. Everitt, 1 Aug. 358—F. Ireland, 12 Mar.; T. H. Kennedy, 8 Oct.; F. Eichenberger, 6 Dec.; F. Rooks, 5 Aug. 361—C. W. Morton, 19 Jan.; F. W. Dollery, 16 Feb.; J. A. Wilson, 21 Feb.; J. O. Rose, 23 Apr.; W. J. Higinbotham, 24 June; H. Macdonald, 9 Jan. 367—T. Chapple, 29 Mar.; R. E. Barton, 20 Apr.; J. Murchey, 25 Aug.; W. Marshall, 22 Oct.; G. K. Clemens, 19 Nov. 368—W. J. Code, 28 Jan.; A. Scott, 10 Apr.; W. E. Harding, 13 May; R. N. Horton, 22 July; E. Howison, 10 Sep.; J. Caruth, 8 Oct. 369—H. C. Sausser, 12 Feb. 370—A. S. Allan, 27 Aug. 371—J. W. McNeill, 22 Apr.; W. B. Tighe, 3 Aug.; E. R. F. Rooney, 1 Oct. 372—J. G. McLelland, 10 Jan.; A. Merryweather, 3 Mar.; J. W. Mumby, 8 Sep.; E. Price, 2 Oct.; C. W. Clark, 22 Nov.; C. C. Gregory, 25 Sep.; G. A. Depew, 10 Apr.; D. J. McLean, 4 Apr., 1924; G. W. Wiswell, 3 May. 373—J. B. Stephens, 12 Mar. 374—W. Sharp, 1 May, 1917; J. M. Shaw, Mar., 1926. 375—J. Morrison, 18 Mar. 376—A. C. Andrews, 29 Mar.; E. W. Silver, 12 Apr. 377—J. Brown, 27 Nov.; T. Williams, 23 Dec. 378—F. Stevens, 14 Oct. 380—J. Dazell, 3 Jan.; W. H. Chapman, 12 Oct.; B. F. Brighton, 9 Nov. 382—T. Brown, 1 Feb.; J. Lawrie, 4 Feb.; J. M. Laing, 21 Feb.; W. Lambert, 22 May; H. G. Sisson, 23 Aug.; C. Wakelin, 5 Nov.; J. Young, 10 Dec.; G. VanMere, 23 Dec. 384—C. E. Verral, 30 May; L. W. Nixon, 30 June; F. W. Dunn, 8 Apr.; J. Balfour, 8 Feb.; F. H. Arnold, 16 June; R. E. Jamieson, 24 Nov.; J. R. Watson, 7 Dec.; J. J. Sipley, 16 Nov.; A. E. Welbourne, 14 Nov.; S. L. Beckett, 27 Dec.; H. P. Young, 1 Sep.; T. Quinn,

1 Aug.; T. H. P. Mason, 21 Oct. 386—J. A. Fuller, 11 Jan.; J. Chaseley, 28 June; S. M. Swaby-Smith, 9 Nov.; J. Conway, 6 Dec. 387—D. H. Latimer, 27 June. 389—J. B. Chaekley, 24 May; W. H. Webster, 8 Nov. 390—W. Lindsay, 24 June. 391—P. R. Campbell, 18 Aug.; M. H. Doughtery, 26 Oct.; J. M. Sheldon, 22 Sep. 392—S. E. Wellington, 27 July. 393—W. Campbell, Sep.; W. Given, 10 July. 394—H. E. Golding, 8 Apr.; B. W. Cook, 8 Jan. 396—W. G. Simmie, 9 Mar.; E. E. Hurlbutt, 4 Feb. 402—H. Dymott, 27 May. 403—A. Stoll, 19 Mar.; W. H. Smith, 4 May; R. S. Peck, 27 May; C. Koelln, 14 July; E. Reid, 13 Sep.; H. C. Walker, 15 Oct.; A. G. Bellinger, 20 Oct.; W. A. Burridge, 23 Oct. 404—G. W. Woodhouse, 20 Apr. 405—G. Munro, 4 Nov. 406—E. Mark, 4 May; W. Bourgoyne, 25 May. 408—W. Broomfield, 6 Apr. 409—C. C. O'Brien, Oct. 410—I. Watson, 27 June; G. R. Long, 28 June; J. H. Graham, 5 Dec. 411—D. Campbell, 24 Feb.; C. G. Gillies, 14 May; W. A. Kelly, 17 May; S. M. Purcell, 30 Dec. 412—A. Hastings, 31 Dec.; 1926; J. A. M. Goatbe, 15 Oct.; H. S. Chappall, 1 Nov.; E. Walton, 17 Nov. 413—R. Carless, 8 Nov.; M. Sharp, 6 Sep. 414—J. Hedlund, 4 Jan.; E. Pinch, 28 Jan.; I. E. Mahon, 29 Jan.; W. R. Gerrie, 12 Feb.; R. Bates, 1 Apr.; F. Hamilton, 5 July. 415—W. Worthington, 26 Mar.; A. J. Childs, 11 Feb.; A. B. Marcotte, 14 May; W. L. Kirkpatrick, 15 May; K. G. Polybank, 18 Oct.; N. Armstrong, 6 Dec. 416—G. Bryson, 29 Apr.; J. G. Pergan, 3 June; G. A. Purvis, 20 Oct. 419—W. J. Counter, 9 Feb.; G. M. VanHorne, 13 Dec.; J. Lester, 26 Dec. 420—W. Martin, Sr., 1 Feb.; A. Craig, 23 May; G. A. McGaughey, 25 July; F. J. Garratt, 6 Aug.; F. H. Thomson, 22 Aug.; T. Burt, 4 Dec. 421—R. R. Hopkins, 12 May; M. G. Varcoe, 25 Dec. 422—A. D. Graham, 28 Mar. 423—N. A. McCaskill, 5 Jan. 425—H. H. Bush, 18 Mar.; T. R. Boothman, 22 May; J. Workman, 16 July. 426—D. W. Muir, 17 Jan.; J. Paterson, 13 Apr.; W. R. Kerr, 15 Apr.; T. E. Love, 26 Apr.; D. L. Galbraith, 13 July; D. C. Walton, 1 Dec. 427—A. M. Ainslie, 2 Mar.; F. Bigelow, 1927. 428—J. Tummonds, 16 Mar.; H. Carmicheal, 4 Apr.; W. H. Letcher, 14 Dec. 430—J. South, 7 Apr.; H. Sanderson, Nov. 431—R. Foster, 18 Sep. 433—A. N. Craig, 12 Jan.; W. Boyle, 17 June. 434—D. Thaw, 21 June. 435—R. S. Dixon, 30 Jan. 437—W. Cannard, 26 Feb.; A. Joss, 20 Nov.; G. Culley, 21 Sep.; D. Campbell, 4 Nov.; A. A. McLagan, 27 Aug.; W. G. Ross, 8 Sep.; A. Frayne, 18 Oct. 438—J. F. Verner, 8 Dec. 440—E. C. Young, 17 Feb.; W. S. Munn, 13 June; J. W. Watson, 16 Aug. 441—J. Conley, 20 Oct. 442—G. E. Wishart, March; A. Glanville, 16 May. 443—E. J. Hopkins, 24 Sep. D. Carmichael, 22 Dec. 444—J. Hood, 19 Feb.; 445—A. Norens, 21 May. 446—C. J. Hollands, 20 Feb.; W. K. Macdonell, 5 Apr.; W. Bishop, 24 June; T. Wilson, 18 Jan.; J. A. Smith, 1 Sep.; J. P. Wright, 2 Sep. 447—E. Martin, 10 Apr.; J. D. Cockburn, 9 Oct. 449—T. M. Sime, 24 Jan.; R. R. Kinnell, 8 Jan. 450—H. Chapman, 6 Oct. 452—W. Arbothnot, 12 Aug.; G. A. McCart, 20 Sep. 453—A. H. Dale, 8 Jan.; D. Parker, 12 Apr. 454—G. McKnight, 26 Sep. 456—A. Chalmers, 25 Apr.; T. Netterfield, 24 June. 459—A. Peever, 21 Apr.; W. McCallum, 13 July; M. McLaren, 4 Aug. 460—S. J. Lake, 29 Mar.; J. A. Sharpe, 22 Sep. 461—H. G. Gorham, 25 Oct. 462—G. Bousfield, 14 Feb.; E. G. Brooks, 11 Aug. 466—W. H. Wallace, 23 Oct. 467—W. Dillane, 10 May; T. Fleming, 5 July. 468—G. Young, 13 Apr.; R. Hanna, 7 Jan.; J. Gracey, 12 Aug. 469—E. S. Walker, 27 June; J. A. Darling, 5 July. 470—B. F. Scott, 5 June, F. N. Waldie, 27 Aug. 471—H. McKenzie, 22 Jan. 472—E. C. Jackson, 21 Apr.; H. Witty, July. 473—C. Duncan, 27 Feb.; A. Essex, 16 June; W. J. Armstrong, 29 Aug. 474—R. R. Hopkins, 5 May; G. R. Dods, 18 Nov. J. J. Hill, 1 Dec. 475—J. M. Dunlop, 19 Mar.; T. Longley, 27 June; J. B. Morton, 29 July. 476—J. H. Cryderman, 6 June; J. H. Wallace, 11 Jan. 477—P. N. Campbell, 5 Apr.; A. E. Stabback, 28 Dec. 478—D. McEachren, 25 Sep. 481—W. R. D. Wright, 16 Feb. 482—J. Webb, 28 Apr.; J. A. Eby, 22 Oct. 483—G. F. Morphy, 26 Nov. 486—S. F. Mather, 19 Jan.; W. L. Ross, 16 Mar.; D. A. McDonald, 29 Apr.; W. R. Carle, 2 June. 488—J. Handley, 13 Feb.; A. B. Herring, 14 Nov.; A. Brush, 20 Dec. 491—A. J. Ranson, 19 Nov. 492—V. F. Johnson, 8 Feb.; R. Quantrell, 16 Mar. 493—W. Andrews, 19 Mar.; T. Gordon, 3 Sep.; J. R. Stanley, 28 Nov. 494—G. Innes, 9 Dec. 495—J. Sheppard, 26 Jan.; E. B. Westcott, 10 Nov. H. G. Sisson, 23 Aug.; J. S. Bell, 15 Dec.; J. M. Fitzgerald, 5 Dec.; F. Hills, 23 Oct. 496—E. A. James, 16 Feb.; G. M. Hermiston, 29 Sep.; C. H. Phillips, 11 Oct. 498—C. M. Adams, 27 Nov.; A. Laidlaw, 4 Dec.; T. Davey, 7 Dec. M. Kerr, 27 Oct. 499—T. Willing, 11 Mar. 501—J. Free, 20 Nov.; J. D. Fanning, 23 Sept. 502—J. M. Zumstein, 13 Mar. 505—L. Whittington, 1 May; E. H. Morrison, 17 Dec. 506—J. Monaghan, 10 Jan.; D. McInnes, 4 May. 508—F. W. Frank, 1 Apr. 509—R. S. Porteous, 26 Jan.; P. W. Symonds, 2 Mar.; J. T. Carley, 3 Oct. 510—J. Forrest, 26 June; W. A. Sutton, 30 Nov.; S. T. Holmes, 12 July. 512—W. Johnston, Aug., 1925; D. A. Hamilton, 1920; W. M. Sibbald, Dec. 1923; E. C. Stoutenberg, Dec. 1916; W. N. Ego, 5 Sep.; A. E. Pugsley, 6 Oct. 513—W. E. Dolman, 12 Jan.; E. A. Vollick, 9 June; L. E. Patterson, 10 Sep. 514—C. H. Asmus, 24 June; A. E. Covell, 1 Sep. 515—W. J. Telford, 2 Mar.; C. E. Kitchen, 9 Aug. 516—J. Keyes, 11 Jan.; W. H. Beach, 29 Aug.; J. McGonigal, 1 Oct. 518—M. McGrath, 11 Sep.;

V. M. Bennett, 27 Aug. 519—A. Harrison, 11 May; S. J. Churchill, 24 Dec. 521—G. Cormie, 29 July; A. A. Smith, 14 Dec. 522—M. Schwartz, 14 Aug. 523—J. Morrison, 18 Mar.; E. C. Hatch, 19 Nov. 524—J. Gibson, August. 525—W. J. Moore, 25 Jan.; B. N. Halladay, Dec. 17. 526—A. I. Stirling, 6 May; A. Parker, 6 July; W. T. King, 27 Sep. 528—H. M. Steven, 30 Jan.; W. H. Wylie, 3 Feb.; W. Crews, 25 Feb.; W. McCracken, 1 Sep. 531—J. A. McMicking, 2 Jan.; A. M. Hunter, 16 Jan.; J. E. Trumbell, 22 Feb.; J. C. Webster, 5 Feb.; G. M. Hermiston, 29 Sep.; R. Thornton, 26 Dec. 532—J. Gard, 25 June. 533—J. C. Mateer, 23 June; E. G. Smith, 29 Dec. 535—D. Gillies, 13 Dec. 536—J. A. Orr, 18 Jan. 537—T. H. Ward, 7 May; W. J. Drope, 21 June; J. A. Lawless, 2 July; J. Booth, 21 July; J. H. Davidson, 25 Aug.; J. Dougan, 8 Sep.; A. G. Horwood, 24 Dec. 538—I. S. Wardell, 10 Apr.; J. W. Wright, 9 July. 539—C. A. Boehm, 17 Dec. 541—W. H. McElroy, 21 June. 542—E. A. James, 12 Feb.; A. E. Covell, 30 Aug. 543—P. R. Kyle, 24 Mar. 545—C. W. Clark, 10 Jan.; C. E. Luce, 21 Sep.; F. A. England, 18 Oct. 548—T. Jopling, 11 Apr.; A. McLean, 4 June. 549—T. Bale, 17 July. 550—L. L. Edmonds, 3 Oct. 551—R. S. McLeod, 30 Jan.; S. Hutchings, 18 Apr.; F. Haills, 23 Oct.; 552—A. Fisher, 7 Feb.; Y. A. Ive, 6 May. 553—S. T. Roden, 7 Mar.; W. Hyndman, 22 Oct. 555—H. E. Sayers, 25 July; W. B. Tighe, 31 July. 557—H. K. McLean, 3 Apr. 559—W. J. Drope, 21 June. 560—E. F. R. Rooney, 1 Oct.; J. B. Ferguson, 15 Oct. 561—J. A. Campbell, June. W. G. King, 27 Sep. 562—W. H. Culver, 14 Mar.; W. J. Drope, 21 June; F. Hills, 23 Oct. 565—J. McLeod, 20 Mar.; R. R. Hopkins, 5 May; W. J. Drope; 21 June; A. Noden, 25 Nov.; T. A. Atkinson, 9 Nov. 566—A. G. Seaman, 9 May. 569—F. G. Seaton, 15 Feb.; A. McKay, 1 Aug. 570—J. E. R. Haines, 26 Mar.; R. R. Hopkins, 5 May; G. R. Webster, 27 July. 572—G. J. Calder, 24 June; J. T. Whitehead, 11 Sep.; C. T. Hatty, 4 Oct.; A. G. Horwood, 24 Dec. 573—J. A. Allman, 15 Aug. 575—F. J. Stokoe, 17 Aug. 579—W. J. Craig, 10 Mar. 580—W. J. Drope, 21 June; W. C. Bisbee, 14 Oct. 581—A. Haywood, 3 May; H. Vigeon, 23 June. 582—W. C. Miller, 2 Jan.; H. Chennells, 16 Mar.; B. J. G. MacBeth, 21 July; G. M. Hermiston, 29 Sep. 584—A. E. Pawson, 20 Oct. 585—W. F. Fitzgerald, 21 Mar. 586—S. N. Fallows, 7 Apr.; W. H. Bell, 1 Oct. 587—J. C. Roberts, 23 Aug.; J. H. Davison, 24 Aug.; G. M. Hermiston, 29 Sep.; A. G. Horwood, 24 Dec. 590—J. R. Shaw, 7 Dec. 593—T. M. Dunlop, 19 Mar.; F. Hills, 23 Oct. 594—W. A. Muir, 27 Mar.; J. Kirkton, 31 June. 597—I. N. Newell, 26 Dec. 602—H. Mellor, 25 Sep.; F. Hills, 23 Oct. 603—W. C. Morse, 4 July. 605—G. M. Hermiston, 29 Sep. 607—E. A. James, 11 Feb. 608—A. J. Birchard, 7 Mar. 610—G. E. Barber, 10 Jan.; W. R. Braden, 2 Mar.; S. Bennett, 18 June; F. J. Parker, 21 Sep. 612—A. Essex, 17 June. 613—G. W. Wiswell, 1923; E. A. Stackhouse, 30 June. 616—W. J. Drope, 21 June. 617—R. Tyner, 13 Sept. 618—H. A. McKibbon, 10 March. 620—T. J. Ivey, 2 Dec. 623—D. Noble, 14 Feb. 624—T. Buckle, 30 Apr.; F. Small, 11 June. 625—W. J. Drope, 21 June. 626—F. L. Benson, 10 Aug. 628—W. R. Watson, 12 Sep. 629—C. A. Kennedy, 27 May; J. C. Mateer, 23 June; W. Hyndman, 22 Oct. 630—R. R. Hopkins, 5 May. 633—A. Schmidt, 11 Apr. 634—E. A. James, 11 Feb.; J. H. Browes, 23 July. 635—W. A. Felton, 7 May. 636—A. Peever, 19 Apr. 637—G. V. Aitken, 11 Sep. 639—G. A. Depew, 10 Apr. 640—J. Free, 20 Nov. 642—T. Pelling, 13 Jan.; T. Peters, 20 May. 644—D. G. McMackon, 13 Apr.; H. Ferguson, 10 Sep.

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R W. Bro. Frederick Cook, Ottawa	Manitoba	R.W. Bro. J. C. Walker Reid, Underhill	James A. Ovas	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. J. A. C. Anderson, Toronto	New Brunswick	W. Bro. John B. M. Baxter, St. John	J. Twining Hartt	St. John
R.W. Bro. Thos. Forsyth, Toronto	Nova Scotia	R.W. Bro. Jas. C. Jones, Halifax	James C. Jones	Halifax
R.W. Bro. Thomas Rowe, London	Prince Edward Island	R.W. Bro. Roy C. McLean, Souris	Ernest Kemp	Charlottetown
R.W. Bro.R. B. Dargavel, Toronto	Quebec	M.W. Bro. J. Alex .Cameron, Montreal	W. W. Williamson	Montreal
M W. Bro. D. J. Goggin, Toronto	Saskatchewan	M.W. Bro. A. S. Gorrell, Regina	W. B. Tate	Regina
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R.W. Bro. John Boyd, Toronto	New Zealand	R.W. Bro. Charles Rhodes, Auckland	Geo. Barclay	Wellington
R.W. Bro. J. McC. Potts, Sterling	Queensland	M.W. Bro. Thos. S. Burston, Toowoomba	C. H. Harley	Brisbane
	South Australia	R.W. Bro. Rev. M. Williams, Adelaide	Chas. R. J. Glover	Adelaide
R.W. Bro. Alfred F. Webster, Toronto	Tasmania	R.W. Bro. H. J. Wise, Hobart	W. H. Strutt	Hobart
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R.W. Bro. Fred. Symes, Fort William	Arizona	W. Bro. Louis G. Moyers, Globe	Geo. J. Roskruge	Tucson
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John A. Davilla	New Orleans
Charles B. Davis	Portland
Geo. Cook	Baltimore
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John Fishel	St. Paul
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Gilbert Dane	Paris
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REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE

WILLIAM NISBET PONTON, P.G.M.

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2 Alberta	1927	27 Montana	1926–1927
3 Arizona	1927	28 Nebraska	1927
4 Arkansas	1927	29 Nevada	1927
5 British Columbia	1927	30 New Hampshire	1927
6 Colorado	1927	31 New Jersey	1927
7 Connecticut	1927	32 New Mexico	1927
8 Delaware	1927	33 New York	1927
9 Dist. of Columbia	1927	34 New Zealand	1927
10 England	1927	35 North Dakota	1927
11 Florida	1927	36 Nova Scotia	1927
12 Georgia	1927	37 Ohio	1927
13 Idaho	1927	38 Oklahoma	1928
14 Illinois	1927	39 Oregon	1927
15 Indiana	1927	40 Pennsylvania	1927
16 Iowa	1927	41 Philippines	1927
17 Ireland	1927	42 P. E. Island	1927
18 Kansas	1928	43 Quebec	1927
19 Kentucky	1927	44 Queensland	1927
20 Maine	1927	45 Rhode Island	1927
21 Manitoba	1927	46 Saskatchewan	1927
22 Maryland	1927	47 Scotland	1927
23 Massachusetts	1927	48 South Australia	1927
24 Michigan	1927	49 South Carolina	1927
25 Minnesota	1927	50 South Dakota	1927

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ALABAMA

Oliver Day Street, M.W., Grand Master.

The biography of this celebrated Mason precedes the transactions. He is a lawyer of repute, having served as United States District Attorney for Northern Alabama for some years and is the head of Historical and Geographic Societies. He is Associate Editor of the Masonic Encyclopedia now being compiled for the Masonic Service Association and the author of other Craft works. His period of office has been one of reconstructive and great administrative skill as will be seen by his most comprehensive address.

The One Hundred and Seventh Annual Convention was held in Montgomery, December 6, 1927. Canada was represented by Bro. Ethridge J. Garrison.

When he has a good thing the Grand Master believes in driving it home so he commences his address as follows:

Let me repeat what I said a year ago:

All the wisdom or knowledge of Masonry is not contained in any one head or number of heads. It often happens that those who are least conspicuous in assemblages like this could offer the most useful suggestions but for the suppositions on their part that the talkative ones know it all.

As to dispensations for Degrees out of time he says:

I have invariably required a reasonable time for investigation and that the ballot on the petition be at a regular communication. This prevents any snap judgment.

He analyzes suspensions with the following suggestive resolutions:

They disclose first that in 11 years the suspensions n.p.d. exceeded the reinstatements by 7,202. In other words from this source alone Grand Lodge sustained an annual loss of revenue of about $10,500.

A good live secretary can prevent most of them and can bring back into the lodge nearly all that are not prevented.

All these lodges are in cities where conditions are similar. Anomalies like these will be found to be numerous in these Tables. What is the reason? There is but one possible answer. The human equation is at work. As the French would say, "Cherchez l'homme,". Thoughtlessness on the part of the members and carelessness of the secretary lead to most suspensions. Some years ago a brother of my own lodge, going back for about 20 years, secured a complete list of all its living suspended members. They numbered more than 20. Going to each one in person and telling them that the lodge wanted them back, all reinstated except two or three and many of them were afterward numbered among our most faithful members.

In short, don't let them be suspended unless they are determined to be suspended and do not allow them to remain so unless they are determined to remain so.

Another problem disclosed by these Tables is the large number of Entered Apprentices who are not passed and the Fellow Crafts who are not raised. In eleven years, 2,949 Entered Apprentices were not raised and 2,262 of them were not passed. What is the cause of this and what is the remedy?

I believe Birmingham Fraternal has found out both. It found that the failure to advance was due to the negligence of the lodge in not teaching the initiates the lessons of the degrees.

As to physical qualifications he sums up his attitude sensibly as follows:

I have been guided in my administration of the new rule on this subject by two prime considerations, namely,

1. Can the petitioner fairly comply with the most essential requirements of the ritual, and

2. Would his maimed condition tend to render him a charge upon the Craft?

Where I could answer the first in the affirmative and the second in the negative, I have given consent.

Eight cornerstones were laid, several of them being for Grammar Schools and High Schools. He adds:

Another practice which in my opinion we should cease is that of pretending to lay a cornerstone after the building is practically or wholly finished.

Alabama is cosmopolitan in its recognition of Grand Lodges. Grand Representatives having been named for Belgium, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Honduras, Luxenburg, Peru, Alpina, Jugoslavia, Czechoslovakia.

He holds that none but members of the lodge trying the case shall be admitted in Masonic trials with the exception of witnesses, counsel and the stenographer. He adds:

To the discredit of the Craft, it not infrequently happens that the names of persons serving terms in prison after conviction of crims are still carried on the roll of lodges as Masons in good standing.

I recommend that a judgment of conviction in court be made a strong presumption of guilt in all cases.

As to the names of lodges he well says:

There is a deplorable lack of imagination, euphony and Masonic significance in the names adopted for our lodges. Usually they are nothing more than the names of the places where they happen to be located and some of these are utterly wanting in every element of an appropriate name for a body of men engaged in the work of enlightening, improving or ameliorating the race. Our lodge list is little more than a gazetteer of towns and communities.

No lodge shall be named for any person still living.

That in selecting names for lodges those as a rule be chosen having an ethical, moral, poetical, historical or Masonic signification.

As to dancing in Masonic Halls he rules:

I trust the brethren will reconsider and not allow it to be used for this purpose. Should you think the case justifies it, you would be authorized as Master of your lodge to decline to allow the use of the building for such purpose, even against the vote of the majority.

He sent his greetings as Grand Master to the Christian Science Monitor containing excellent articles on Masonry.

He does not wish the blind to lead the blind and says:

In this connection I wish to set the seal of condemnation on the too frequent habit of speakers undertaking to address Masonic gatherings on Masonic subjects without adequate preparation.

Even with the most careful preparation it is difficult, if not impossible to avoid some errors or mistakes. Masonry is not any easy subject, it presents many difficulties. Then what must be the result when a Masonic ignoramus undertakes to discuss Masonic subjets without any preparation? It is a discourtesy to a lodge or any group of brethren, who have invited a speaker to address them, for him to undertake to do so without adequate preparation. If he must write out his thoughts and has not then time to memorize them, let him not hesitate to read from M.S. Writing out one's thoughts and then adhereing closely to what is written conduces greatly both to brevity and accuracy.

From his decisions we take the following:

A blind man is not eligible to be made a Mason.

A brother who was a Methodist pastor asked the following questions:

"Is the Masonic fraternity a religious organization? My answer is 'No.'

Can a man live an upright Mason and not be a christian? My answer is 'Yes'. Am I right in these answers."

Under Masonry and Citizenship we read these pregnant words:

It is never out of place on any Masonic occasion to emphasize the duties of good citizenship. It may be that the propriety of something at this time on this subject is greater than usual, as we see on the one hand a great wave of crime and on the other a disposition among certain individuals and organizations, under either a hypocritical or an overzealous desire to meet this wave, taking the law into their own hands and attempting (or professing to attempt) to suppress crime with crime. They forget that they are creating a Frankenstein that may turn upon its creators and destroy them.

There is no safety except in the doctrines which Masonry has taught for ages, namely, obedience to law ourselves and a patient submission to its administration by the legally constituted authorities.

One who joins in such practices as are above denounced may be a Mason in name but he is not one in principle. He is what Masons for ages have denominated "an ignorant false pretender."

Of the Home he writes:

We have in the Home about three hundred and seventy-five residents. The old people will only be with us a short time when they will go to the Great Beyond, but this fact should make us more intent on making their short stay as comfortable as we can.

The children are in the formative stage, that time of life when they are being prepared for the issues and responsibilities that must come to them when they are older. These are our children, children of our Brethren that we have gathered from the four corners of the state, sponsored by the subordinate lodges and are all children of Master Masons.

The plan of allowing the subordinate lodges to assume one-third of the burden has proved to be very satisfactory. I have been delighted with the truly Masonic spirit displayed by the lodges concerning this new departure. It lightens the burden of Grand Lodge and at the same time keeps alive in the subordinate lodges and among the individual Masons the spirit of charity and a sense of their responsibility.

W. Bro. Wall reports with regret that we must all share, that the review prepared by him was accidently destroyed in a fire which swept the home of a fellow Mason on the very night it had been completed and was about to be delivered to the Express Company for transmission to the Grand Secretary.

M.W. Bro. Williams, made an eloquent address, the style and matter of which will be evident from the following paragraphs:

I believe that it is the lesson back of the ceremonials; the teachings back of the symbolism and the kernel of principle within the shell of the ritual, which attracts men to our fraternity and holds them there with magnetic power.

I want to say to you ladies that there is no substantial benefit which you could secure by membership in our fraternity which you do not have without it and your affiliation with us would thust into our fraternity a social problem which has never yet confronted us. I can assure you that nowhere in all the wide world are the rights of women more emphatically acknowledged and cared for than in a Lodge of Master Masons. Your virtues are cherished; your persons are respected and your character is vindicated.

The Committee on Jurisprudence approve all the G.M's rulings but one, the following:

An Entered Apprentice is a Mason and there is no impropriety in his wearing a pin.

We recommend that this decision be not approved.

Fred J. Skinner represents Alabama.

ALBERTA

Thomas Frederick English, M.W. Grand Master.

The Twenty-second Annual Communication opened in the Ballroom of the Palliser Hotel, Calgary, June 8th, 1927. Seven Past Grand Masters functioned faithfully.

Canada, was, as usual, represented by M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor and it is with profound regret that we now realize that this was for the last time.

The Grand Master's address commences as follows:

Many of us, are once more, through God's infinite goodness, privileged to bè here present to exchange the brotherly grip and wish one another future comfort, happiness and prosperity. Years are passing, age is advancing, but the heart does not feel deadened, nor is the gladness lessened that is felt in shaking each other by the hand again.

He reported a balance for the year of over $5,000 to current account with all expenses paid and the Benevolent Fund capital has reached $115,500.

Six new lodges were consecrated, among them Jasper Park Lodge and Drumheller.

At each District meeting an inspiring address on the Symbolism and Teachings of the Degrees was delivered by Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary, and it is noted that the social side was not overlooked, for hospitality is a true Masonic virtue.

As to the Home the Grand Master says:

A great many sister Grand Lodges have established and are maintaining homes for their destitute aged. Alberta has been a young man's country, consequently we have not felt a pressing need for an institution of that kind, but the time is fast approaching when the need will be felt and I strongly recommend that this Grand Lodge consider the advisability of establishing a foundation that will supply the home when the time arrives.

As to Regalia and Church parades he thinks:

I am strongly of the opinion that there are but two occasions upon which Masons should appear in public clothed in regalia, viz., Masonic Funerals and Laying Corner Stones.

The D.D.G.M's of fifteen Districts reported satisfactorily.

Membership 13,035. Net increase 370.

The Grand Secretary's Swan Song closed his report:

"There is destiny which makes us brothers;
None goes his way alone;
All that we send into the lives of others
Comes back into our own."

The report on the Condition of Masonry says:

We regret to note little or no change in the amount of dues in arrears. We would recommend:

That Secretaries place upon the summons for each communication the amount due by each brother, stipulating whether "current" or "arrears".

Masters should impress on their membership that advance payment is necessary for the sound financial health of the lodges.

We believe that the success or failure of a lodge depends on the opportunity offered the individual brother for service to his lodge and would therefore urge each Worshipful Master to apportion the work of his lodge in all its branches so that every brother, as far as possible, will have some opportunity for direct service.

York Grand Lodge Mexico was recognized. Recognition of Panama and Egypt was deferred.

The Committee on Masonic Research say that about one-half the lodges are now equipped with a library, a most creditable showing.

An appeal was made for speeches to educate the Brethren and no less than fourteen voluntarily assumed this obligation, or rather exercised this privilege.

As to Grand Lodge History now being prepared by P.G.M. Kemmis.

We further recommend that an appropriation of $500.00 be set aside for this purpose.

This is striking from the Committee on the Fraternal Dead:

Brethren, as we meet here to-day in this City of the Plains, contiguous to the majestic Rockies, pointing their strong, stony fingers heavenward, we, in this tribute of respect to our departed brethren, are inspired to look up in faith to Him who is from Everlasting to Everlasting, humbly submitting to His tender care and keeping those whom we "have loved long since and lost awhile."

"From life to dust and dust to life,
We trace the orbit of mankind;
From grief to joy and joy to grief,
Find passion flowers with thorns entwined.

R.W. Bro. A. J. Young represents Alberta.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence is headed by M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, P.G.M., who says:

Your committee in submitting this report hopes that its labors will prove acceptable to the brethren of foreign jurisdictions. We realize the limitations necessarily involved in the

work of this committee being carried on by several members, instead of by an individual correspondent. We are not yet fortunate in this jurisdiction to secure the labors of any brother who has the time to devote to this work.

We find this under Alabama:

The Committe on Jurisprudence reported and Grand Lodge adopted:—We do not concur in the Grand Master's answer. We submit the following as the correct answer: A Mason offering prayer in the lodge may pray to his God—observing his own conception of Deity. It is, therefore, proper and in accordance with Masonic law and tenets for a Mason who believes in the Christ or Jesus to offer prayer in the lodge in His name.

But some other jurisdictions do not agree.

In his kindly review of Canada he notes that there were only two Past Grand Masters present. He gives a fine resume of our activities and quotes the rulings of Grand Master Rowland and says that the references of the Grand Master concerning Benevolence are both interesting and worthy. He also quotes the concluding paragraphs of the address. He pays the D.D.G.M's the compliment of analyzing their reports and he culls for our benefit as well as the benefit of our Alberta brethren some of their suggestions which are often neglected:

1. Greater attention should be given to the proper ventilation of lodge and banquet rooms.

2. Muscial talent should be utilized and developed. The ceremonies will gain in beauty and impressiveness, and members who might otherwise be silent spectators will delight in a work which enlists their congenial and sympathetic co-operation.

3. Members who possess the requisite ability and enthusiasm might be encouraged to take part in the work of the degrees. This is a commendable variation calculated to promote interest, but should be used with caution. The dignity and impressiveness of the work should not be sacrificed by the selection of members who are lacking in ability, or who are too young in service.

It is a perilous procedure to introduce any matters that may sow the seeds of discord, or prostitue the sacred time of the lodge to ignoble purposes or alien interests. And he might have added that to do so is distinctly unmasonic. Let us bear in mind the words of a Masonic teacher, which are as applicable to-day as when used nearly two centuries ago: "As the Craft hath subsisted from time immemorial and contains the most glorious precepts of morality and virtue, let not the malicious world have cause to blame us for any base or degenerate actions, but let us industriously pursue the unerring rules whichthe Almighty Architect hath given us; let us be united in one sacred bond of love and friendship, and if there is any contention among us, let it be in striving who can outdo each

other in acts of religion, mercy, charity and all other good offices."

By our review he acknowledges generous treatment and is kind enough to refer to our "untiring labors". To this review are appended the well known initials "S.Y.T."

Throughout the Reviews Investigating Committees are charged with responsibility.

Rhode Island puts it up to them specifically in ten charges, the last one being:

10. From the information you are able to obtain decide whether the applicant is one with whom you are willing to associate and one whom you would recommend to others for like relations. Remember that your report is to be based on your investigations. If there is any doubt in your mind as to the applicant's fitness, the lodge should have the benefit of it and your report should be unfavorable.

Washington receives this comment of well merited praise:

The Grand Master's report is, to employ one of his own phrases, almost *facile princeps* in its breadth of view, loftiness of thought, and deep human sympathy, and furnishes the best evidence of the advantages of reading the records of foreign jurisdictions as a means of Masonic education.

Correspondence Reviewers are thus referred to in the Review of Western Australia:

In the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, suggestion is made that the Master select certain members who would read such extracts from the Reviews as appear to them as being of interest, such as portions of Grand Master's addresses, important Masonic decisions, interesting articles, etc., followed by a general discussion and that by this means the brethren would get a mass of useful information which they could not acquire from any other source.

ARIZONA

Hon. Dr. Nelson C. Bledsoe, M.W. Grand Master.

The Forty-fifth Annual Communication was held in Phoenix, 8th February, 1927.

Twelve Past Grand Masters adorned the Grand East.

From the able address of the Grand Master we make the following citations:

Masonry has ever stood for the highest standard of moral ethics and if we are to continue the noble work, and be the great moral force which it has been down through the centuries, it must never put its stamp of approval on any questionable thing.

There has been a laxity and general letting down of the high standard we have maintained in the past, and we should view this condition with grave concern, and correct the evil so far as it exists in our rank and file.

Masonry in Arizona, is progressing and it is growing steadily. There is a tendency in many lodges throughout the state, to carry too much dead timber.

In travelling the 5,000 miles by auto, I was at once struck by the magnificent distances between lodges and the wonderful roads connecting them.

A very pretty custom prevails in one lodge of presenting a Bible to the candidate on becoming a Master Mason, another gives a book "Masonry Defined," and others hand the newly obligated brother a small Silver Trowel suitably engraved.

The Study Club of Globe gave a very splendid program, and showed me the wonderful possibilities that could be worked out in this way. It was a meeting where every one took part. As one brother expressed himself to me "I'm so full, I just must get up and say something." This is what we want. Free expression of the views of every one.

A most worthy object of a special Communication of the Grand Lodge was to lay the corner-stone of the Temple of Music and Art at Tucson.

Of Past Grand Master Thomas this fine old verse was cited:

> Who never turned his back
> But marched breast forward;
> Never doubted clouds would break;
> Never dreamt, though right were worsted,
> Wrong would triumph.
> Held, we fall, to rise; are baffled, to fight better,
> Sleep to wake.

Arizona's proximity to Mexico produces unique conditions. Some are thus referred to:

There are several Mexican Lodges operating in this state who have been chartered by the Rito National de Mexico Grand Lodge and Grand Lodge Benito Juarez State of Coahulia, Mexico. We do not recognize this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge of Arizona does recognize the Grand Lodge Pacific de Mexico, and it is perfectly proper to visit any of their lodges. The Grand Lodge of Arizona does recoghize the York Rite Grand Lodge of Mexico and it is also perfectly proper for you to visit them at any time you wish to.

A point in connection with the certificates presented from outside Jurisdictions is thus emphasized:

I would further state that the Brother should first be fully identified that he is the person named in the certificate, then he would have to be examined as to his proficiency in the E.A. degrees.

Another ruling is:

It is perfectly proper to hold meeting with roomers on same floor, if the lodge room is protected from eave droppers.

He thus concludes:

When I relinquish the reins of authority to my successor, I will slip down among the Brethren far better prepared to labor for having been your Grand Master.

Under the Conference of Grand Masters he thus reports:

Dual membership has strong advocates in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Virginia, who follow England where one Mason was a Past Master of 23 lodges. Others mostly frown upon the idea.

This Reviewer and M.W. Bro. Harcourt are each member of 23 lodges.

Thos who do not use uniform receipt for dues should get in line with a majority of the jurisdictions that do.

Collateral Groups of Masons and their Activities. A great subject in this day of over organizations.

He speaks of the illustrations he had seen of the Masoniscope, two of the films being "Masonry and Cathedrals" and "What Seest Thou?" Each takes about 45 minutes and they are very attractive.

Speaking of New Mexico's Sanatoria Association he says:

If their dream comes true then the Shriners great hospitals would be emulated. But if their dream is like most other dreams, what then? A great and lasting good, will come to Colorado, New Mexico, West Texas and Arizona in that we will no longer have to bear the undue burden of caring for Masonic tuberculars.

We need help as well as New Mexico.

We have and are doing more than our share of assisting in a national Masonic problem.

Membership 6,083. Gain 182.

Worshipful Brother James R. Malott, a name well known in the home City of your Reviewer, delivered a most impressive and suggestive oration on the subject "Why Masonry?" which we hope will be issued in pamphlet form and made available to all Brethren.

The Special Committee on the revision of the Burial Service made a most interesting report, giving the whole of the proposed new ceremony in full and saying in their introduction:

In undertaking the very serious work intrusted to me I have had in mind these general principles and objects; First, to adhere fairly closely to the outline of the old service and to preserve as much of the familiar wording as seemed consistent with the thorough revision, realizing that many of our older brethren have become attached to the old forms and thoughts. Secondly, to make the whole service much shorter. Thirdly, to allow more or less liberty in its use, aecording to the wise discretion of those who are entitled to use it. Fourthly, to eliminate the gloomy and morbid portions, as well as certain decidedly pagan, or at least medieval theological ideas, introducing in their place more helpful, cheerful and sympathetic

ideas, such as also are more in keeping with the spirit and intelligence of our present day.

These two verses closes the funeral dirge:

Here another guest we bring;
Seraphs of Celestial wing,
To our funeral Altar come,
Waft our Friend and Brother home.

Lord of all below, above,
Fill our souls with Truth and Love;
As dissolves our Earthly Tie,
Take us to Thy Lodge on High!

And just before the benediction the Master says:

Soft and safe to your frail body, my Brother, be this earthly bed! Bright and glorious be thine own rising! Fragrant be the acacia sprig that here shall flourish!

So, in the bright morning of your resurrection, may your spiritual body rise in immortal beauty into the life eternal in realms beyond the skies. Until the day of our meeting, dear Brother, until then, Farewell.

The ceremony is beautiful but certainly has not been shortened.

The Committee on Correspondence report:

Your Committee on Correspondence has received many requests from foreign jurisdictions for recognition, we are considering same and are not yet prepared to make final report.

Arizona is represented by R.W. Bro. Fred Symes of Fort William and Canada is represented by Louis G. Moyers of Globe.

ARKANSAS, 1927

M.W. W. M. Kent, Grand Master.

Emergent Communications were held for laying cornerstones of new school buildings and for attending the funeral of a Past Grand Master.

The Eighty-sixth Communication was held in the Albert Pike Memorial Temple, Little Rock, 15th November, 1927. Twelve Past Grand Masters supporting and adorning the Grand East.

Canada was represented by Bro. M. E. Bratford.

The roll of deceased Past Grand Masters was read and the funeral honours given in their memory, a worthy custom in many Grand Jurisdictions.

From the address of the Grand Master we take the following paragraphs:

I hold that Honorary Memberships can only be conferred by specific, individual action by the Lodge, and in no other manner.

I believe that all lodges should be required to pay dues on all Honorary Members carried on the roll at the return date.

During the year I have been called upon to make a great variety of decisions, particularly upon matters which have already been decided by this Grand Lodge, and which has creatd a vast amount of unnecessary correspondence.

The work of the Grand Master's office has been greatly multiplied during the past year, and the duties would have become burdensome, indeed, had I not the had the hearty co-operation and unselfish efforts of my good wife, who has in a large measure upheld me in my efforts to serve you.

I am of the opinion that a strict observance of physical requirements for membership is a relic of operative Masonry, and that a great number of good men are denied the opportunity of petitioning our order because of some physical defect or impairment.

A brithday party was given in honour of the Grand Secretary and Grand Bard, Bro. Fay Hampstead on his attaining his 80th year.

Grand Lodge passed a resolution expressive of regard for the aid given by the wife of the Grand Master to him in the performance of his duties, an unusual compliment.

The story of the great Arkansas flood from which Mississippi and Louisiana also suffered, appended to the Grand Secretary's report makes interesting reading. This sentence is one of many acknowledgments of the succor given by Masons of the State:

It is acts like these that cause the heart of each and every member of our Order to realize that always and ever the hand of Masonry is outstretched to aid distressed brethren wherever dispersed; they being found worthy.

On receiving the Orphans' Home buildings from the Trustees at dedication M.W. Bro. McCulloch gave a rinigng speech from which we take the following sentences:

Deep-veined, the noble structure stands,
The willing gift of tender hands
Who wrought through seasons, in and out,
Thro' times of failure, days of doubt.

Who strong of faith, and high of deed,
Held yet, through hours of sorest need.

This occasion is also an appropriate one for us to pause and consider what this accomplishment spells of the past and what it promises for the future. Whence comes this charity, and what inspired it. We answer that it is the child of Freemasonry, and that the fundamental teachings of that noble fraternity inspired it.

Freemasonry was originally a fraternity of practical builders—architects and artificers. The Phoenicians, whose capital cities were Tyre and Sidon, were the early patrons of

that semi-religious mystic fraternity or society of builders known in history as the "Dionysian Architects." These fraternities were employed by the Tyrians. The Israelites were neither architects nor artificers.

J. C. Hegler of Ingersoll, represents Arkansas.

Membership 38,606.

A cumulative digest of decisions from 1920 is most convenient for reference.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Daniel W. Sutherland, M.W. Grand Master.

The Fifty-sixth Communication was opened in ample form in New Westminster, 23rd June, 1927. No less than thirteen Past Grand Masters graced the Grand East of this relatively young and active Jurisdiction. Five Past Grand Masters in addition to the thirteen sent their regrets.

Canada's Grand Representative did not respond.

From the Grand Master's introduction we take the following interesting extracts:

As Freemasons we should ever strive to inculcate loyalty to our Empire, and a deeper appreciation of our Canadian domain.

There has been a broadening conception of the purpose of the Order, of a responsibility extending beyond the narrow confines of the lodge room, and an unselfish desire to render service to the community.

Many members have no wish to be Masonically educated. They are content to be Freemasons in name only and are satisfied that the monotonous, mechanical repetition of unexplained ceremonies fulfils every requisite and conveys all that is to be known, yet in every lodge are to be found Brethren who are asking for something more than this; who believe that the Craft was destined for wider and better ends; who are earnest seekers after light and knowledge and have entered the Order for the purpose outlined in the Fellow Craft degree. Our personal duty, our personal undertaking as leaders in the Craft, demand that at least some means of supplying their wishes be placed at their disposal.

The past has supplied us with an organization consisting of an army of approximately four million men, selected for their intelligence and moral worth. The possibilities of such a body working together and actuated by a common purpose cannot be over-estimated. If we are true to ourselves and to the Craft we must in the future assume the responsibility of supplying the directing force that will make it a potential factor in remodelling the social fabric, and in elevating the moral and ethical standards of our Country.

He commends inter-vistations and notes with pleasure the many interchanges of visits between the constituent lodges on both sides of the Line—an international link.

We regret very much to find the following among his rulings and we trust that British Columbia may soon come out into the spiritual open and that candidates who may be good enough for the Church militant and for Heaven, may be found worthy of being received into British Columbia lodges:

1. A stiff knee preventing him from kneeling on one knee at the altar and bringing the other into position,

2. Loss of left hand on active service.

3. Three fingers of right hand gone but leaving thumb and index finger—all held ineligible.

This would shock Ontario.

We regret that Ceremonial Church services are not encouraged in B.C.:

We will ever have members who love display, and Officers who wish to make their position known outside the Craft, but should not forget that there are those with a delicacy of feeling and a truer conception of our Order, who can not reconcile the glitter and pomp of the Church parade with the traditions of our "ancient and honourable institution."

Under Benevolent Fund we read:

Our all important work is not the matter of immediate relief, however urgent that may be under existing conditions, but the removal of those conditions which furnish the product of our relief work. The lofty ideals of our order aim at purifying the source and thus removing the cause.

Interesting statistical tables were prepared by the Grand Master to show the average of attendance with the following results:

You will note that the average attendance decreases when the membership exceeds the point where personal touch and comradeship is becoming lost. We are then faced with the paradox that a lodge may weaken itself by becoming too strong.

The lodge, should not depend for its existence on the annual increase in its membership.

He pays this tribute to the D.D.G.M's developing another phase of their usefulness:

Earlier in my address, I referred to the year as one in which peace and harmony prevailed. This was due to no small extent to the tactful advice of my District Deputies, who, on more than one occasion, were the means of correcting matters which otherwise might have ended seriously.

We must ever bear in mind that no institution can exist unless it continues to discharge the functions for which it was instituted.

Membership 14,512. Increase 549.

Fifteen District Reports make interesting reading, and evidence activity.

Grand Historian Burns submitted an instructive report with photographs of the first buildings of 1888 and the second of 1893. He attaches a quaint copy of the "original Statutes" of a proposed lodge which has not yet materialized.

These are extracts from the Minutes, "Oileta, B.C., October 22, 1920:—The undersigned Masons do not know what the name of the town will be, but they think the above will be an appropriate name; nor do they know what the future lodge's name or number will be. But we firmly believe there will be a lodge here in the not distant future, as the Grand Architect of the Universe has furnished all that man needs for his welfare and prosperity.

R.W. Bro. E. B. Brown, K.C. of Toronto, represents British Columbia, and Canada is represented by Bro. J. R. C. Seymour.

The Correspondence Review is by Grand Secretary Bro. W. A. DeWolf Smith and is as usual, out-spoken. We regret that Canada did not come under his ken this year.

This paragraph closes his review of Alabama:

It has been held by Masonic scholars that the Grand Lodge at York came to an end towards the close of the eighteenth century, but in the paragraph from the Arizona Proceedings above referred to, we learn that the "M.W. Grand Lodge of York" has been transferred to Mexico and is among those recognized by Arizona.

We take the following rugged British loyalty from Connecticut Review:

Foreign Corresondence was written by M.W. Bro. Kies, who, we thought, was too well informed to pen the following paragraph, which not only demonstrates the bad taste of the writer, but also shows how little people in the United States know of the British Royal Family:

"He (the Maryland reviewer) upholds the Maryland custom where the D.G.M. opens Grand Lodge and then ceremoniously 'receives' the G.M. 'Somehow this seems to add to the dignity of the G.M., etc.' While this matter is solely Maryland's business, we frankly do not like such imitation of England, where they elect some sprig of royalty or nobility, who, of course, cannot be expected to soil his fingers by doing anything, but appoints a deputy who does all the work. We hope such procedure will not become general in the U.S."

"Under Virginia, his views on the O. E. S., preluded by a comment on Bro. Eggleston's disapproval of Mississippi's reception of the Grand Matron in Grand Lodge and especially of printing her speech, are similar to our own."

England receives the longest of all his Reviews. We make the following extracts:

Some of our *confreres* who hold that there cannot be two Grand Lodges in any one Jurisdiction may be interested in the following:

"We were much impressed by the harmony and fraternal spirit which existed between the four Constitutions, English, Irish, Scottish, and Netherlandic, in South Africa, and the English, Irish and Scottish in Rhodesia and Kenya."

As to the P.M. Degree:

As we understand the resolution which was finally adopted, the Grand Lodge said, in effect, that it did not approve the ceremony, but if a lodge desired to practice it, it might do so.

As to splitting lodges he says under Indiana:

The Committee on Jurisprudence expressed the reasonable opinion that there could be no objection made if a lodge met in one or other of the rooms in the buildings where it usually met, but it killed the split-meeting idea with the following opinion:

"That in the judgment of your committee, no subordinate lodge can occupy or use more than one lodge room simultaneously."

Ireland he finds is as usual, unique in its rulings:

Both rulings are contrary to general Masonic practice on this continent. All authorities in America of which we have knowledge, hold that a charge against a Brother cannot be received unless the accuser is a member of the Craft in good standing; and it is also generally held, but not unanimously, that action by a civil court does not preclude action by a lodge.

Oregon always affords delectable reading:

We wonder what the next piece of paternal legislation will be. The Grand Lodge adopted a resolution making it compulsory for every lodge to present a Bible to every candidate so soon as he is raised. We doubt if in this day and generation a home can be found, outside of Oregon, which is not supplied with at least one copy of that volume.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that relations with the Grand Orient of France be broken off because "the Grand Orient of France violated the custom and usage of Masonry by establishing lodges in the State of New Jersey and other Grand Sovereign Jurisdictions. One might ask "Qu'allait-il faire dans cette galere?". Or, in other words, how came it that there were any fraternal relations to be broken? Since 1871 the Grand Orient of France has been outside the pale of Masonry, but the fact that it ceased to require its candidates to profess a belief in the Deity, and removed the Volume of the Sacred Law from its Altars was a trifle in comparison with the invasion of the rights of the "Grand Sovereign Jurisdictions" of the United States.

COLORADO

Frank J. Reinhard, M.W. Grand Master.

Many special Communications were held, for laying the cornerstones of two State Armouries, of four High Schools, one for conferring Masonic Burial upon Past Grand Master Vaile, one for the State Agricultural College, showing how the Craft is identified with every public activity and progress in Colorado, as it should be in Ontario.

The Sixty-Seventh Annual Communication was held in Denver, September 20, 1927.

No less than 19 Past Grand Masters foregathered together for honour and duty.

Canada was represented by R.W. Bro. Stanley C. Warner, formerly of the Bay of Quinte.

The Grand Master delivered a very complete and practical address saying among many other things:

Freemasonry, I firmly believe to be to-day, as it has been for centuries past, "incomparably the greatest factor for good citizenship which human experience has known."

The Masonic burial service, as revised permits "the Worshipful Master to deliver as much of the service as he may desire, in the lodge, home, church, chapel or mortuary."

I held that it is not in the province of a lodge, as such, to sponsor the organization of a Boy Scout Troop.

The lectures were delivered by Most Worshipful Brother Chase Withrow, Grand Master of Masons in Colorado in 1886.

All honour to this venerable Ruler of the Craft.

Bequests of $2,000 and of $10,000 are gratefully acknowledged but greatest of all was the gift of University Ranch of 625 acres, about the acceptance of which there was considerable trouble as the original offer was to convey jointly to the Order of the Eastern Star and the Grand Masonic Bodies, which they found to be an impossible combination and the following resolution was passed:

Resolved: That the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Colorado, return to Brother Robert Russell its sincere thanks for the generous and magnificent offer in the name of worthy charity, that because of our inability to agree definitely upon a disposition thereof as between this Body and the Order of the Eastern Star, and because of our probable inability to meet the requirement of the donor for the establishment of the fund by July 1, 1927, and the possibility of an unfair dealing with him by reason thereof, this Grand Lodge, to its great regret, finds it impossible to accept at this time the gift as tendered.

Bro. Russell evidently reconsidered and executed this warranty deed conveying to the Grand Master and his successors in office in trust:

To have and to hold said premises unto the said parties of the second part, their heirs and assigns and successors in said trust, but for the uses and purposes following, that is to say, for the fraternal and charitable purposes of the Masonic Fraternity, in accordance with the directions of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Colorado.

This princely foundation was gratefully accepted.

All recognized Masonic Bodies agreed that the soliciting of the Grand Master to have one whom he did not even know to be a Mason, join one of their Bodies was a plain violation of Grand Lodge Law and the Grand Chapter and other Bodies circularized their membership accordingly.

Let Masons meet in their own lodge-rooms is the result of Colorado's experience as set out in the following paragraphs:

I made an official visit to the Denver Lodge at this Communication and became convinced that a mistake had been made in authorizing the use of the Auditorium for the purpose and under the circumstances prevailing.

There was an undignified rush for admission to the hall, which made efficient tiling very difficult, and an unseemly general exodus at the close of the second section which was mortifying to behold.

Over dramatization of the Masonic Degrees, in my opinion is contrary to the spirit of the Institution. Seemingly the tendency to overdramatize is difficult, if not impossible to control in the presence of a large crowd assembled in unfamiliar surroundings. The atmosphere smacks of the theatre or the circus and the reverent attention to which we are accustomed in our Masonic halls is conspicuous by its absence.

He is down on so-called Masonic Sunday picnics, and he warns the Craft that building big temples is a hazardous undertaking.

Membership 32,729. Net gain 603.

Grand Orator Grisard delivered an oration on Masonic Loyalty, brief and to the point:

Loyalty is to be faithful to a government, or to be true to plighted faith, or duty, or love.

Today when there are so many offshoots, or branches of Masonry, so many leeches hanging on to Masonry, having as a prerequisite to membership good standing in Maonry, that it behooves us to be very guarded and careful, lest our time-honored institution suffer greatly at their hands.

Again we are to be guarded lest membership in the modern, up-to-the-minute, as they say and advertise, organizations, either patriotic, civic, or sectarian in their principles, cause us to shamefully lose sight of our obligations to Masonry, and to the loyalty that we owe this time-honored institution, thus becoming Masons only in name.

A Committee was appointed to co-ordinate all the charitable work.

Legal opinion was taken as to whether Grand Lodge was really a corporation. The answer was in the negative.

Andrew H. Dalziel of Windsor, represents Colorado.

The Review of Proceedings is from the pen of Stanley C. Warner, Chairman.

He thus sums up the movement regarding the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanitoria Association:

The general feeling although recognizing the importance of the need for such relief, seems to be an unwillingness to commit themselves definitely to a venture the scope and financial burden of which is still so indeterminate.

Other matters referred to are:

Many of the Grand Maters reported in full the Conference of Grand Masters, but few even commented upon it otherwise than to remark that its function was wholly advisory and that much good might be gained by such meetings to discuss common problems.

A note of warning regarding the danger of clubs based upon membership in Masonic orders was frequently sounded, but in general there was more talk than action taken.

Canada is well reviewed with pages of quotations from the Grand Master's address and from the Committee on the Condition of Masonry. He adds:

The Committee on the Grand Master's Address, recommended the Craft should carefully read and take to heart the Grand Master's warning that the greatest danger to Masonry to-day is the faulty and partial interpretation of it, given by some of its membership and by bodies which have or claim to have a sort of connection with it.

This from Manitoba:

With the subsequent approval of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master cautioned Secretaries against supplying lists of members and addresses to persons not entitled to such information.

CONNECITICUT

Arthur N. Nash, M.W. Grand Master.

The handsome features of Bro. Nash, whom we met years ago in connection with the Royal Arch, adorn the Proceedings.

The One hundred and thirty-ninth Annual Communication was held in Hartford, February 2, 1927.

Thirteen Past Grand Masters answered *adsum.* Canada's Grand Representative did not.

On the ethics of Masonry the G.M. said in his outstanding address:

The world without our doors judges us, not by what we claim but by what we do and, if we allow those of our members who break the Law to go unpunished, we are casting a blot on the fair name of Masonry.

There can be no hard and fast rule of punishment, but each case is to be judged solely upon its own evidence and merits, and the circumstances governing the same.

His decisions were of interest. We have space for only a few:

It would not be legal to assess a member of a lodge for the purpose of building a Temple.

This would not come under the head of maintenance.

The Grand Lodge back in 1857, stated that they were opposed to the practice of connecting dancing with Freemasonry, or using masonic symbols in connection with Balls.

I think that there is a certain feeling that comes over all, non-members as well as those of the craft, when they enter the doors of a Masonic Temple, that directs their thoughts to the "Higher Things and Greater Achievements" of life.

Can a lodge vote an increase in dues and make the same retroactive to Jan. 1st of the same year.

Answer: Yes.

While it is not customary to make a vote like this retroactive it is within the law.

Can a Master of a Blue Lodge of Masons open and close his lodge by one knock of his gavel, when assembled for the purpose of attending a Masonic funeral or Divine Worship?

Answer: No.

He paid many visits to other Grand Jurisdictions, keeping the touch.

Of De Molay and Rainbow for Girls it is only fair to give both sides. This is what Bro. Nash thinks:

These two movements deserve the hearty support of all Masons, and are steps in the way of right thinking and right living that must result in better men and better women, as they are being taught at an age when the greatest and most lasting impressions are made.

This is of particular interest to our Grand Lodge, which has entrusted a special Committee with the task of investigating Grand Jurisdictions which we do not officially recognize but with which we are on friendly terms. W. Bro. Nash fully realizes the importance of this and we give his report in full:

The Association also by the resolution of three member Grand Lodges, is engaged in a complete survey of Symbolic Freemasonry throughout the world, for the purpose of finding the facts about all Masonic Grand Lodges, with especial reference to genealogy, history, ritual, government, autonomy, and all other matters properly to be considered in relation to the

question of extending fraternal recognition. This work has been entrusted to a committee composed of M.W. Melvin M. Johnson of Massachusetts, M.W. Oliver Day Street of Alabama and R.W. J. Edward Allen of North Carolina. Brother Allen addressed the Association on this subject of Symbolic Freemasonry calling attention to the scope of the proposed work which included:

1. The right names of the several Grand Lodges.

2. Officially recognized bodies by Grand Lodges. Who and how many?

3. What standards of recognition are required? At the present time not more than six Grand Lodges have any definite standards, and the Committee proposes to present a synopsis of Standard of all Grand Lodges.

4. A brief history of the several Grand Bodies.

5. Some account of the organization of Grand Lodges.

6. Ritualistic and Dogmatic requirements of Grand Lodges

7. What attitude prevails among Grand Lodges regarding territorial jurisdiction.

8. Means to carry out the survey.

The committee propose to make such a survey embracing the Central and South American countries first. A work of this kind will undoubtedly be of incalculable benefit to every Grand Lodge as well as to every Masonic Student, and the high literary standard of the men engaged will stamp it as authoritative.

Allingtown Hospital is being maintained by Grand Lodge.

With regard to the new and full form of application blank for petitioners proposed, the G.M. gives his approval in these words:

That in many of our ancient records and by-laws we see repeated references to what was served at Lodge Meetings. That to-day would be violation of the law of the Country. That members were fined for non-attendance at Lodge Meetings. What would happen now if a similar rule was enforced?

Time changes and Masonry to a certain extent must and is changing to keep abreast of the times.

Personally I approve of the blank, with the separation of the application from the questionnaire.

Of the Masonic Home he encouragingly reports:

This in my opinion is the outstanding Masonic Labor.

Brethren it is your Home—DO YOU, ever stop to think that you are responsible for its management as well as its maintenance, and that the more you know about it the better qualified you are for this responsibility?

The Grand Secretary receives a worthy tribute:

To paraphrase an old saw, "Grand Masters may come and go, but the Grand Secretary goes on forever."

With this verse he concludes:

Who cares for the burden, the night, and the rain,
And the steep long lonesome road,
When at last, through the darkness a light shines plain,
When a voice cries Hail, and a friend draws rein,
With an arm for the stubborn load.

Membership 45,109. Net gain 943.

George H. Smith of Toronto, represents Connecticut and Canada is represented by Clarence I. Austin.

Again and for the fourteenth year M.W. Bro. George A. Kies, Grand Secretary, wields his fertile and potential pen.-

As to Masonic Clubs and Charity he propounds a question which can be looked at from two points of view:

One G.M. ruled that, in dispensing money to charitable objects, a Masonic Club usurped a lodge prerogative. This evokes some interesting questions. In case three or four Masons unit in a charitable donation, is it a like usurpation? Again, if a financially able Mason makes such donation, is that a usurpation? In the E.A. degree, we are taught that, within our means, our charity should be boundless.

He quotes from our Grand Master's address and also from his rulings. He speaks of the Grand Master's "sage view of benevolence" with approval. He makes a long extract from the "Condition of Masonry" saying:

The report of Board on Condition of Masonry, will interest us, and in general is correct.

We infer that only the Grand Lodge can expel.

The D.D.G.Ms. presented a gold-headed cane and umbrella to the Grand Treasurer, together with an address teeming with warm respect and admiration.

He speaks of our cordial and close Review and quotation of Connecticut and says that we show we have not forgotten the warm visit to Hartford years ago with this alluring addition "come again and soon."

As to incorporation of lodges he makes a very interesting contribution from another point of view:

We agreed with him in objecting to incorporation of lodges, but for different reasons. He thinks that thereby the Craft is "commercialized", that "Masonry is an Association of closely united men—an organism not an organization". Our objection lies in the fact that incorporation makes a lodge a legal entity, can sue and be sued, etc., and an unfriendly court can mandamus all its records, books, and secret documents. The possible results of untold evil can easily be imagined. Connecticut has a regulation forbidding such incorporation.

He is extremely liberal on physical qualifications. Your reporter at present stays on cautious middle ground.

He then literally scores an "assumption" of the Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdictions to which we mildly referred under Montana in a previous Review. Three is nothing mild about this. It is almost too outspoken but perhaps advisedly so:

He then quotes what he rightly calls an "assumption" (which we would amend as an impertinent and impudent presumption) wherein the brother loftily stated that the United States Supreme Councils had "entrusted" the first three degrees to the Grand Lodges. Remembering that the first United States Supreme Council was formed in 1801, before which time thirteen United States Grand Lodges had been organized, the ignorance and empty bluff of claim of even former authority over symbolic Masonry becomes easily apparent. Further, Brothers Pike and Palmer, former Command ers of the A.A.S.R., are on record as stating some fifty years ago that any such claim is preposterous. And neither Albert Pike, the scholar, nor Henry L. Palmer, the erudite lawyer and man of affairs, were ever known to "talk through the hat."

This is of general application and we feel sure will appeal to our own Grand Secretary:

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were "instructed to secure as speedy publication" of the proceedings as possible. We believe every Grand Secretary of his own volition urgently desires to do this. In our own case we have caused the recording angel to shed copious tears in our trying to speed up slow printers.

The personality of George A. Kies is expressed in every page of his review.

DELAWARE

Harry Galbraith, M.W. Grand Master.

An emergent Communication was convened in Wilmington, to conduct the funeral of the late M.W. Bro. Lukens, Past Grand Master.

The One Hundred and twenty-second Annual Communication was held in Wilmington, 5th October, 1927.

Eighteen Past Grand Masters were found at the post of duty. Canada's Grand Representative did not respond at the altar.

M.W. Bro. Callahan, P.G.M. Virginia, was unanimously elected P.G.M. Honorarius of Delaware.

The introduction to the Grand Master's address reads well:

Richer in knowledge, gained in the school of experience, we meet together in the earnest hope that we may gain and give through our deliberations and association, and through personal contact, a clearer vision, an added courage, that our sympathies may be quickened, and that we may be strengthened in every noble and fraternal impulse and resolve.

He reports the appointment of R.W. Bro. R. C. Blagrave, D.D. of Peterboro, Past Grand Chaplain, as Delaware's Representative near Canada, and also R.W. Bro. C. A. Ritchie as Representative of Canada.

Delaware contributed most generously to the victims of the Mississippi Valley.

Among his rulings is the following:

An assessment made by the Grand Lodge gives a Constituent Lodge power to assess its members the amount required if there is no other way to finance the payment.

The Grand Lodge supersedes Lodge Law and each Master Mason has obligated himself to obey Grand Lodge Law, and if a member does not answer a summons, he may after a trial and conviction, be suspended for disobeying same and violating his obligation as a Master Mason.

He says that the affairs of the Home continue in prosperous and satisfactory condition, all finding a way to help.

As he began well, so he closes:

While carefulness in the selection of candidates will at least to a considerable extent eliminate the opportunist, the vain and selfish hypocrite, it requires an effective program of Freemasonry education to arouse interest among the brethren in order to overcome that inertia and apathy which paralyzes Masonic thought and action.

In short, we must form Freemasonry into a body of men initiated, obligated and trained to make liberty, justice and brotherly love prevail; to attain the truth and to serve our fellows, our country and mankind is the noblest destiny of man.

Master Masons 6,010, net gain 48.

Recognition of Guatemala was deferred.

They have a flourishing Past Grand Masters' Association in Delaware, The preamble of their By-laws which were approved, reading:

We, Past Grand Masters of Delaware, expressing our due appreciation of the highest honor conferrable upon a Mason and avowing our unqualified devotion to the established status and our unalterable opposition to innovations, in form or spirit, of the basic principles of our institution, in order to form a permanent organization, to maintain and preserve the Ancient Landmarks and basic principles of Masonry, to promote its best interests and welfare, do ordain and establish this.

The Committee on Necrology present an altogether unusual report from which we take the following:

In compliance with a venerable custom, and in response to the promptings of our hearts, we pause in our deliberations to pay tribute to those of our brethren whose earthly barks have slipped anchor and "crossed the bar," bound for the shores of Eternity. No longer are they seen in the habitations of men,

but their forms and personalities hover about us at this hour, and they live again in "minds made better by their presence."

From the mystical land of the East comes this gem of thought to lighten the burden of grief which enshrouds us.

"I have heard those songs which are inscribed in the ancient sepulchers, and what they tell in praise of life on earth and belittling the region of the dead. Yet wherefore do they this in regard to the land of Eternity, the just and the fair where fear is not. Wrangling is its abhorrence, nor does any there gird himself against his fellow. That land, free of enemies!—all our kinsmen from the earliest day of time rest within it. The children of millions of millions come thither every one. The span of our earthly deeds is as a dream; but fair is the weclome that awaits him who has reached the hills of the West."

Bro. Hynson, P.G.M., died during the year and this tribute to his poetic genius was paid. It will awaken fragrant memories of English names:

"Our Delaware". Through the words and sentiment of this song the memory of our late brother will endure as long as Delaware remains a state. While Brother Hynson made his home in Philadelphia the past few years, he never lost interest in his native state. The "hills of dear New Castle," the "peaceful land of Kent", and the "lingering visions of Sussex" occupied a big place in his heart and life. In his eyes the sun was every shining on "our beloved Delaware," and in him we truly see "the loyal son that pledges faith to good old Delaware."

The eighth review of our colleague, Thomas J. Day was presented.

It is brief and concentrated and friendly.

Under Canada he gives a summary of all that was done at our meeting in 1926. He refers especially to the ruling of the G.M. that a candidate must receive his first degree in the lodge in which his application was accepted unless in case of urgent necessity. He refers also to the ruling which should be common to all Jurisdictions, that no secretary should allow access to his mailing list of any unauthorized person, yet if this ruling were carried out how could the Eastern Star for instance obtain their information as to their male adjuncts being "Master Masons in good standing?"

He makes a good selection from the Report on the Condition of Masonry and repeats the words of Lord Ampthill of the Grand Lodge of England as reprinted in our Proceedings. He finds our review very interesting in its fraternal comment.

Under Georgia we take this note of good work well done:

The hearts of Delaware Craftsmen must glow with pride on account of the great work that is being done in affording scholarships for deserving young men and women by which they can procure a college education.

Kansas furnishes him with this gem of literary art:

For ages past they have made Masons great men, and great men, Masons.

The art of Masonry is the practice of Masonry, the science of Masonry is the knowledge of Masonry. Operative and speculative Masons acquire skill as the physician acquires skill in his practice, or as a painter or musician attains mastery of his art.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Gratz E. Dunkum, M.W. Grand Master.

A special Communication considered the financial programme proposed for a United Masonic Temple at Temple Heights, which now involves over a million dollars. It is proposed to raise a gift fund of two million dollars. The proposal with the allocation of assessments was approved almost unanimously by Grand Lodge.

A stated Communication was held May 11th, 1927, in Washington.

The Committee on Correspondence report on Egypt that most of the lodges work in Arabic but some of them in English, French, Greek, German and Armenian. They recommended that the petition of Egypt be passed over without prejudice.

The One Hundred and Seventeenth Annual Communication was held in Washington, December 21, 1927, Twelve Past Grand Masters mellowed the light of experience in the Grand East.

Visitors from Roumania were welcomed.

In the Grand Master's interesting address we read:

Under Masonic law and usage, the Grand Master is the executive head of the Fraternity and it is his duty to carry into effect the legislation enacted by the Grand Lodge and to represent and act for it when the Grand Lodge is not in session.

In all my actions I have endeavored to keep plainly in view the fundamental truth that whatever affects a component part of the Craft affects the whole of it.

As the supreme authority in any Masonic jurisdiction, it is fundamental that the Grand Lodge shall have the ultimate and final decision on all matters affecting the welfare of the Fraternity within it.

If I might be allowed the realization of my fondest Masonic wish it would be that the future would hold for our great Fraternity such wise leadership and such unselfish guidance and direction as would implant in the heart of every true citizen of our country an appreciation of the privileges which he enjoys under our free and enlightened government, an unshaken loyalty to its teachings and principles and the application in his daily life of those rules of conduct toward his fellowmen which Freemasonry strives to inculcate.

With regard to suspensions he says.

I think that a remedy for this undesirable condition will be found when we have educated our membership up to the point where they realize what it means to have their names dropped from the lodge roll and the damage which is done to their business reputations through this action and the resulting publicity which our regulations now require.

Among his decisions is the following:

While there is a material difference between the reception of petitions and the balloting thereon, I believe that it is not good policy, neither has it been the practice, to receive petitions at special communications.

He notes the appointment of Bro. John Wilson of Toronto, as Grand Representative.

He praises the religious service held by the Grand Chaplain and others at Temple Heights on every Sunday during the summer in the open. The President and Mrs. Coolidge attended. These services were in the charge of the Masters' Association and they also held a great field day in the interests of the Home and the new Children's Building.

The Board of Relief is thus allotted to double duty.

The work of the Board may be divided into two classes, namely, to grant relief to worthy distressed brethren and to prevent the undeserving and the impostor from profiting at the expense of the Fraternity:

Of the Masonic Club the G.M. says:

Reference to this enterprise brings to my mind the organization known as the Acacia Fraternity, which is composed of the students, faculties and alumni of our colleges and universities who are members of the Masonic Fraternity. I was much impressed with the earnestness and high ideals of the brethren assembled there. The association of these young men, under the influence of Masonic teachings and surroundings, presents a wonderful opportunity for good. Many of them have come from distant parts of our country to secure an education and if they can be returned to their homes with their minds trained for their life's work, their hearts expanded by the beneficent teachings of our Fraternity and its practical application to their daily lives, and their characters finely and firmly molded according to high standards, they will be a strong factor in elevating both the intellectual and spiritual life of the communities in which they reside. Most of them are at an age when they are peculiarly susceptible to good influences. They are an intelligent group of men and I think we, as a Fraternity, are fortunate in being permitted to have the opportunity to guide their eager strength and bountiful energy in the right direction.

Hitherto the Manuals of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter have been printed together. Hereafter separately.

Membership 23,264. Net gain 271.

Grand Chaplain Palmer reported on the services at Temple Heights as follows:

A kindly Providence made it possible for us to meet out in the open with no other protection than the grateful shade of the beautiful chestnut trees, on every Sunday save one, from June to October.

As befits our Masonic spirit, which knows no church or creed, an honest effort was made to keep the services genuinely non-sectarian. As evidence of this, a study of the list of speakers shows that there were brethren on the program from the Baptist, the Disciple or Christian, the Episcopal, Hebrew, Lutheran, Methodist and Presbyterian faiths.

The sermon was amplified, so that it was clearly heard by the throng that crowded all parts of the grounds. For the once the President laid aside his reserve, and expressed to those in charge his appreciation of the value and significance of this open religious platform and service in the nation's Capital.

There are English and Scotch constitutions in Persia and the D. of C. decided not to recognize the proposed Grand Lodge —composed of two lodges only.

In this Jurisdiction as in so many others, the Masonic Burial Service is discussed and with reference thereto the following will be found of instructive interest:

1. Masonry assures its devotees that it interferes with no man's religion or religious customs and practices. It does not intentionally conflict in any way with any church.

2. It does provide for its own service. The Masonic burial service is never pressed upon any one. It is never given except on specific request of the brother himself before his decease or of his family on his behalf. The minister has absolute freedom at the church or home. Masons there are mere listeners and mourners.

They make but one stipulation, since theirs is a committal service so largely, it shall not be robbed of its significance by being repeated after the interment has been completed.

3. It will be admitted that ministers do not invariably insist on the actual commitment of the body as a requisite for the speaking of the words of the ritual; as when the body is to be placed in a vault; or sent by train to a distant place.

Masters shall extend to all Ministers the utmost consideration and respect; remembering the fundamental teachings of Masonry in its reverence for God and its non-interference with the religion and religous customs and practices of its members; and in conference with the minister before the funeral shall observe meticulously the spirit and the letter of the Code.

Ministers, in that spirit of forbearance which has always marked the highest representatives of their holy calling, shall recognize the fact that the Master with his lodge is present only on specific request; and loyal themselves, should respect the loyalty of the Master in his faithful adherence to ancient cus-

tom and law; and should find the way of harmony, as honorable men among them all over the land are daily doing, by one or the other of the two alternatives: either to finish the church service at the church or home; or to speak the words of committal, verbatim to the last Amen, over the body resting in its casket in the mouth of the open grave.

It is indicated that the Masonic Service Association may drop the publishing business and proceed along purely relief and educational lines. The following is of special interest to all of us. We have been awaiting it:

It is expected that by the next meeting of the Association, the special committee having the same in charge will be able to furnish—available to the grand jurisdictions—the survey of symbolic Freemasonry throughout the world, which survey has been progressing for the past couple of years.

James T. Gibbs was duly installed as Grand Master.

William T. Ballard represents Canada.

The report on Correspondence is again in the firm strong grip of M.W. Bro. George W. Laird, whose devotion to Protestantism and to individual liberty finds expression on nearly every page.

Under California we read:

He reports many amendments to by-laws. It reminds us of the story of "Mahomet and the Mountain". When the by-laws prohibit our "want to" we make the by-laws conform. It is so everywhere, and it is this change which ultimately wrecks. The W.C.T.U., for example, is changed from pristine temperance to drastic prohibition, bordering on sisterhood with the Spanish Inquisition.

The report on trial records is admirable. There is all in it that the Craft needs, but not anything for the enemy to use.

We think California is ahead in Masonic education, in planting it in the universities where it may reach the open minds of youth.

He thus analyzes the address of Grand Master Rowland:

The Grand Master, in his address, had the courage to contradict profane history, and give Ericson credit for the discovery of this continent, and to contradict the propaganda claims set up for the Spanish Jew, Christoforo Columbus. His address has many historic items in it, which is the kind of education Masons have use for.

He discusses the societies whose membership is contingent on Masonic membership, and disclaims prejudice, but quotes from a Scotland grand lodge report in which it is suggested that the O.E.S. change their constitution, eliminating that claim.

The report on foreign correspondence is a careful review of the transactions of 66 grand lodges, courteous and fraternal throughout.

His brief sketch of Brother Jacobs could not have been better had he known him intimately.

This under FRANCE which we seldom find reviewed, is interesting:

The convention decided to put to sleep (*mise en sommeil*) six lodges, which were named. Brother Antebi asked that the facts in possession of the Federal Council concerning the Sacco and Venzetti be given. It is evident that garbled stories of these two Italian murderers are aired in Europe. They were executed because they murdered and robbed a paymaster in Massachusetts.

Brother Lantzenberg gave a lecture on "Religious History", which was essentially historic and not sectarian. They elect the important committees. Their *de cassation* (Tribunal of Appeals, or Grievance and Appeal Committee), is elected by close competition.

There were delegates from the grand lodges of Spain, Berlin, Ecuador, Czeco-Slovakia, Vienna, Switzerland, Grand Orient of France, Belgium. They held their banquet in the crypt, at which toasts were drank and they lived in a real republic. Their banquets are always subscription affairs.

The following under Illinois is characteristic:

It may be safely said that man is a selfish animal, and heaves an anchor to windward when about to make a venture. He notes, what so many of us miss, the financial condition of the lodges, that which binds us closer together and makes us keen observers.

He compliments our system of education, with which we agree, but we wish we could find some Masons who want to be educated.

We think he has a Scottish corpuscle in his brain. He says

This was followed by the Festival of Saint Andrew, of which the Scotch always make a great occasion, something like the Grand Feast in Massachusetts. The toasts drunk remind us of the days when we were at liberty to enjoy a glass of wine in this Republic. The Committee on By-laws had to report on only three changes. It speaks well for the jurisdiction. To the writer it seems that Scotland makes its whims subordinate to the laws, while we make the by-laws subservient to our whims.

We cannot resist this vigorous statement of our colleague under Rhode Island:

We have elected Masonic office bearers because it was their turn about as often as we have elected them for their merit. Masters of lodges have often completed their term of office before becoming conversant in the duties. It is written in the Scriptures "By their fruits shall ye know them." If we really purpose making Masonry what the chesty orators urge, we would increase the term of every office, but if we purpose electing every good fellow whose turn it is and then continue

our present custom of politics and practice of sophistry, we will not. "Youth loves and lives on change, 'til variety becomes sameness, and sameness takes its place."

An amendment to our Nation's Constitution always reminds the writer of an attempt to improve a painting of an old master, or a statue of the old sculptors. Had no state seceded in 1861, slavery would automatically have abolished itself by this time, as it was rapidly doing, and we would not now be burdened with the XIV and XV amendments. Had our Congress raised the tariff on distilled liquor, drunkenness would have diminished, and the one billion dollars annual profit in tariff have been retained, available for the Farmers Relief, instead of the present political propaganda and sophistry.

ENGLAND

H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, M.W. Grand Master.

Rt. Hon. Lord Ampthill, M.W. Pro Grand Master.

V.W. Sir Colville Smith, C.V.O., Grand Secretary.

The Annual Grand Festival was holden at Central Hall, Westminster, 27th April, 1927, R.W. Lord Cornwallis, on the Throne.

This tribute was paid to the memory of the late Grand Director of Ceremonies:

Bro. Granville Grenfell, has passed to the Grand Lodge above. By virtue of his office, and by his unique personality, he had been for fifteen years an outstanding figure at this our Annual Festival. Alert and dignified, kindly and courteous, well skilled in the noble science, he directed our ceremonial with a grace and dignity we shall none of us forget. His slightest wish was a command to all of us, and every Brother feels the personal loss of a true friend.

The proclamation of the M.W. the Grand Master having been installed, was made in due and ancient form, and also the installation of Rt. Hon. Arthur Oliver Villiers, Baron Ampthill of Ampthill, as Pro Grand Master.

Other Grand Officers well known in Canada are Sir Thomas Willes Chitty, Grand Registrar, and Sir Alfred Robbins, President of the Board of General Purposes.

Earl Jellicoe and Sir Douglas Hogg, now Lord Chancellor, were appointed Past Grand Wardens.

The Brethren banquetted together at the Connaught Rooms, 1326 were present.

Quarterly Communication was held 1st June, 1927. The Grand Secretary's salary was increased by £250.

The report on the Peace Memorial had this interesting paragraph:

The original Grand Lodge of England was formed in 1717 by four lodges, of which three remain to the present time, viz., the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2, the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge No. 4, and the Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge, No. 12. The Committee has gratefully accepted the offer of these three old lodges to present the Foundation Stone for the new Central Home, thereby forming a unique link between the original Grand Lodge and the great undertaking of the present.

Warrants were granted for twenty new lodges.

A Masonic Roll of Honour containing complete list of Brethren who fell during the war, may be obtained from the Grand Secretary.

Grand Officers from Rhodesia and the Punjab were duly invested.

Sir John Ferguson, P.G. Treasurer, heads the list of Brethren elected to the Board of General Purposes.

The Vice-President of the Board spoke thus severely with regard to a circular that had been issued and a warm debate followed:

On Monday morning I received a letter which said that there was a belief that a circular had been sent out, and on Monday evening I was shown a copy of it. I do not propose to read it to you, but I understand it has been circulated to Masters of London lodges. If that is the case, I say, in the first place, that it is an invidious proceeding, because Provincial Lodges have been left out in their entirety. I do take exception strongly to the language used in that circular. I should imagine that no such circular has ever been sent out by any Member of Grand Lodge. The language is undignified and unworthy of a Brother occupying Grand Lodge rank, and it is utterly unmasonic. We, your representatives, are accused in this circular—I give the actual words—that we have flouted your decision. We stand here to-day utterly denying that we have done anything whatever with the intention of flouting Grand Lodge in any way whatever. Our proposals are made to you as our recommendations, not as our orders to you as to what you are to carry out. They are merely recommendations, made after grave and deliberate consideration, and it is for you to decide whether to accept them or not. I claim that it is not the province of any Brother to hurl back language like this.

The Grand Registrar had to deal with 30 pages of appeals and 200 pages of correspondence and documents, a task with which he ably coped.

A grant which is described as a "hardy annual" for coals for the Royal Institute at Croydon, of £250 was passed. Many additions to the library and museum are reported.

A special meeting for the laying of the foundation stone of the great Masonic Peace Memorial was held on 14th July, 1927, and the list of those present, distinguished men of the Empire with their guests, fills many pages. A perusal satisfies

us that the Craft in the old Land is magnetic for men of culture and men of representative public spirit.

Deputations from Ireland, Scotland, New York, Illinois, Manitoba and many other Grand Jurisdictions were greeted. The procession concluded with the Grand Master, the Grand Standard Bearers, the Grand Director of Ceremonies and three Grand Stewards in the order named. The stone having been raised, the Grand Master addressed the assembly saying:

Men and Brethren here assembled to-day to behold this Ceremony, know all of you that we be lawful Masons true and faithful to the laws of our Country; and established of old with peace and honour, in most countries; and engaged by solemn obligations to erect magnificent buildings to be serviceable to the Brethren, and to fear God, the Great Architect of the Universe.

We have amongst us, concealed from the eys of all men, secrets which cannot be divulged; but these secrets are lawful and honourable, and not repugnant to the laws of God or man. They were entrusted in peace and honour to Masons of antient times, and have been faithfully transmitted to us, and it is our duty to convey them unimpaired, to the latest posterity.

Unless our Craft were good, and our calling honourable, we should not have lasted for so many centuries, nor should we have been honoured with the patronage of so many illustrious men in all ages, who have ever shewn themselves ready to promote our interests, and to defend us against all adversaries.

We are here assembled to-day, in the presence of you all, to assist in laying in antient form, the Foundation Stone of our Building as a house for Masonry, which we pray God may deserve to prosper by becoming a place of Concord for good men, and for the promotion of Harmony and Brotherly Love throughout the world, until time shall be no more.

The upper stone was lowered and a fanfare of trumpets was sounded by the Coldstream Guards. The Pro Grand Master handed the Grand Master the Christopher Wren Maul, the property of the Lodge of Antiquity No. 2:

The assembled Brethren sang:

When there a Shrine to Him alone,
They built with worship sin to foil,
On threshold and on Cornerstone,
They poured out Corn and Wine and Oil."

The Vessels were carried round the Stone, and the Ewer containing the Oil was presented to The Grand Master by R.W. Bro. H.R.H. Prince Arthur of Connaught, K.G., Provincial Grand Master for Berkshire.

The Grand Master said:

"I pour Oil on this Stone, the emblem of charity; and may God give us grateful hearts, and may we be ever ready cheerfully to relieve the wants of others."

The Grand Chaplain said:

"And every oblation of thy meat offering thou shalt season with Salt, neither shalt thou suffer the Salt of the Covenant of thy God to be lacking from thy meat offering. With all thine offerings thou shalt offer Salt." (Leviticus, Chap. II., v. XIII)

The Vessels were carried round the Stone, and the Vessel containing the Salt was presented to The Grand Master by R.W. Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of York, K.G., Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex.

The Grand Master said:

"I sprinkle Salt on this Stone, the emblem of hospitality and friendship and may the all Bounteous Author of Nature bless this District, the Country, and Kingdom at large with abundance of corn, wine, and oil, and all the necessaries, comforts, and conveniences of life. And may the Almighty Architect of the Universe look down with benignity upon our present undertaking, and crown the edifice of which we have now laid the Foundation with every success."

Bro. Claude Cane of Ireland said:

The mere fact that this project was started by Your Royal Highness makes it even more important to us of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, because we never forget your honoured title, and that you are an Irish Freemason as well as an English one. We also remember with pleasure the years you spent with us in Ireland as Commander-in-Chief.

The Grand Master of Scotland said:

It is always our desire to emulate the great example set us by our elder sister for the good and the benefit of the great Craft we all love so well. You, Sir, have laid the Foundation Stone this afternoon of a great super-structure which we feel will ever be the centre of all that is good in Freemasonry, a centre not only for this country but throughout the whole Empire.

Grand Master Richardson of New York said:

The honour is all the greater because we are permitted to come here on behalf of our Jurisdiction, bringing our greetings, extending our homage, and partaking in this work on behalf of a cause which has such a pronounced meaning not alone among the Masons of the British Empire, but among the Masons in the Grand Jurisdiction of our own State, and, indeed, of the whole world.

In reply the Grand Master made a feeling address:

We hope that this great building which is now to be erected will show for all time our gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe for the blessings that we have received, our affectionate admiration for those who laid down their lives for their King and Country, and our belief that it will ever remain an inspiration to future generations. It is very gratifying to me, as I am sure it must be to you all, that we have with us deputations from the Grand Lodges. I felt that no special appeal

should be issued for this occasion. I am glad to know, however, that nine-tenths of the million pounds has already been promised and that of this amount £725,000 has been received and invested.

It is always to me the greatest possible pleasure to be amongst my Brethren and I regard the attendance of so many at this ceremony as a mark of loyalty, not only to the Craft but to myself, in the position which I have filled with much happiness for the last 27 years. I give my fraternal greetings to you all, and may the Great Architect of the Universe preserve us and give us strength to carry forward our great ideals. Brethren, in your name I sent to-day the following telegram to His Majesty the King at Holyrood Palace:—

"Eight thousand Freemasons assembled in the Royal Albert Hall to assist at the laying of the Foundation Stone of their Peace Memorial Building desire to express their loyal devotion to your Majesty's Throne and Person. We pray that Almighty God may give you long life, health, and happiness.—(Signed) ARTHUR, Grand Master."

Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In Whom His world rejoices;

The Grand Master, accompanied by the Brethren assisting him in the Ceremony, together with the Distinguished Visitors, Provincial and District Grand Masters, the Special Committee and the Grand Officers of the year, left the Hall in procession amid loud and sustained cheers.

Quarterly Communication was held 7th September, 1927, Lord Ampthill on the Throne. W. Bro. Sir Harry Goschen was elected Grand Treasurer.

This from the Report of the Board is interesting and admonitory:

The Board's attention has been drawn with increasing frequency of late to the non-observance of the Book of Constitutions, which prohibits the wearing, either in Grand Lodge or a Private Lodge, of any Masonic Jewel, Medal, Device, or Emblem which has not been approved by the M.W. The Grand Master. A custom has grown up in some lodges, and is in certain directions rapidly increasing, to issue Jewels to Officers as they vacate their Offices or for long service. Though the presentation of a Past Master's jewel has been accepted because of long usage, it is not desired that the custom should be extended to Officers generally.

Attention may usefully be drawn to the various souvenirs, treatises, pamphlets, proceedings, and the like which have been added to the Grand Lodge Collection, as typical of materials often little esteemed at the moment, but which, methodically preserved, will afford valuable information for students in the years to come. Gifts of such are always gratefully welcomed by the Board.

The Board is strongly of opinion that the promotion of sweepstakes or lotteries for alleged Masonic objects is a practice which in no form can be allowed; and it feels assured of the support of the Craft generally in this expression of opinion.

This tribute was paid to Sir Alfred Robbins on his mission to South America:

By that Mission he has once more rendered to the Craft conspicuous and valuable service, for which, you will agree, he has unique qualifications of knowledge and experience. He is entitled to the grateful appreciation of all the Brethren in this country. I ought to tell you that I myself folllowed R.W. Bro. Sir Alfred Robbins upon part of his track, and also saw a good deal of Masonry in the Argentine.

Another Grand Lodge deputation will have left England and it will be by far the most important Masonic mission that the Grand Master has yet sent out, as it is going to all the District Grand Lodges in India, Burma, and Ceylon at their own insistent and earnest request. I am glad to tell you that the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Cornwallis, has, at His Royal Highness' desire, undertaken the leadership of this Mission. It will be an arduous task.

The Grand Master hopes that this Mission will go out encouraged by the good wishes of Grand Lodge and the good wishes of all the Brethren in England on what is by no means, in vulgar parlance, a joy ride, but rather an endeavour to accomplish something on the highest plane, which will go to the furtherance of goodwill between Englishmen and Indians, and which may perhaps have beneficial and durable consequences in a wider sphere.

From his report on his mission to South America, which reads like a romance of the Craft, we take a few excerpts:

It is not generally known that in the three countries visited—Argentina, Uruguay, and Brazil—English-speaking lodges work not merely in separate Masonic Jurisdictions but in differing relationship to each.

It might seem well, therefore, for Grand Lodge to consider making a precise declaration of its recognition of the full Masonic rights of Brethren initiated in any lodge acknowledging the fundamental principles of the United Grand Lodge of England, strictly conforming to its rites and practices as accepted throughout the English Jurisdiction, and working under an Authority specifically recognised by Grand Lodge.

In face of all the difficulties inherent in working Freemasonry at so long a distance from the centre, it is a most pleasing duty to testify to the admirable manner in which the English-speaking Masons are functioning in the three countries I visited.

I gave an absolute assurance that this Grand Lodge was never less likely than now to swerve from the base on which throughout it has stood. In the domestic affairs of other Juris-

dictions, I had neither the right nor the inclination to intervene; but I believe that lasting good will result from this further endeavour to set clearly before the Masonic world what are the principles and ideals of the United Grand Lodge of England, in whose name, as accredited by your Royal Highness, it was my privilege to speak.

805 members were present.

Quarterly Communication was held 7th December, 1927 at which a splendid attendance of 1127 Brethren was recorded

The Board thus reported:

The Board's attention has been called from many quarters to the increasing number of private organizations, with which the names of individual Masons are announced, professing a Masonic object, mainly in the direction of foreign travel, which have been put before the Craft without the authorisation of the M.W. The Grand Master. The Board feels it necessary, in these circumstances, to state that it is considered most undesirable that the word "Masonic" should be used in regard to any private enterprise, the responsibility for which rests upon he promoters alone.

Among those who had passed away since the last meeting were R.W. Bro. Lord George Hamilton and W. Bro. Mostyn T. Pigott, a frequent participant in the work of Canada Lodge

The President of the Board said:

It has now once more to be made clear that permission to invite assistance from the Craft, which can be accorded only by the Grand Master, should not be asked for in cases of any but a distinctly Masonic character save in very exceptional circumstances.

The letter is written to Masters of Lodges, beginning "Dear Worshipful Master" and signed "Yours fraternally," while a statement of the Masonic qualifications of the signatory is added, and then the description "Organising Secretary". There is apparently a colourable endeavour to evade the regulations of Grand Lodge as to the sending out of a circular directly to Brethren for subscriptions; but an appeal to a Master individually is equally annoying though more insidious. The letter before me asks the Master to invite this official as one of his guests to a Meeting of the Lodge, and to allow him there to make an appeal on behalf of his Fund. It adds: "I do not wish for any donation from Lodge Funds or any assistance from your Members individually which would interfere with their Masonic charities. My request is for your permission to speak at the after proceedings." He goes on to mention that he has already had some success in this direction, and adds as an incentive to the Worshipful Master to agree: "I am a well-known public speaker with wide experience, and you and your Brethren may be certain that I should not introduce an atmosphere of gloom, but one of courage, hope, and good-humour." I wish all public speakers could claim to be able to introduce that particular series of elements into their

speeches, especially the last. (Laughter, and "Hear, hear!") I think, M.W. Pro Grand Master, that Grand Lodge will see that this is an endeavour to get round the clear instructions which have been given on four or five occasions in recent years, and to which we feel bound to adhere, in view of the heavy commitments of the Craft to its own charities.

The Mission to India cabled greetings and reported progress. This is said of this most significant mission, full of potential results:

Remind the Brethren of the existence of the Mission and furnish those whom it is their duty to inform and instruct with all available news of the Mission as well as with such explanations of its objects, both definite and potential, as must suggest themselves to all thoughtful Freemasons and good Englishmen. I am addressing myself the Worshipful Masters of Lodges. I am reminding them of the opportunity which is afforded to them whenever they "rise for the first time" before closing their Lodge. I am addressing myself to all those to whom is entrusted the task of proposing at the convivial board the toast of the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past, and those who have the honour of responding.

If all these Brethren will use the opportunities which I have indicated and will also exercise their talents, their knowledge and their vision, the good wishes of the Craft will become a living active sentiment, strong enough for telepathic transmission across the seas, helpful to our representatives, encouraging to all our Brethren in India and valuable as an exercise of Masonic spirit to ourselves.

If Freemasonry is such a force as we all believe it to be this Mission is going to do good, not only to the Craft but in a wider sphere. You may ask me how that can be.

You all know how some perennial spring of crystal clear water may contain life-giving healing properties, owing to the presence of some element that is not perceptible to any of our senses. That element—and radium is an instance of what I mean—cannot be seen or tested or smelt. So infinitesimally minute is the proportion in which it is intermingled with the water, that its presence can only be detected by the chemist who has learnt the most advanced methods of scientific discovery, and has the necessary apparatus. And yet the power for good of that mere drop in the ocean is infinitely great. And so it is in human society, with those things which belong to the mind and spirit of man. One of our great men has said, that "the history of success is the history of minorities," and the whole of the history of the human race teems with instances of the relation of small causes to great effects.

Freemasonry is not doing any good, either in this country or in India, unless it is, so to speak, "radio-active" far outside the confines of the Craft. It is because I believe that it is, and that it can be more so, that I am here to-day.

In India, Freemasonry holds the unique advantage of being the only common ground on which men of culture among Indians and Englishmen can meet on terms of perfect equality, or, as we Masons put it, on the level and on the square. That is only possible because it is one of our Landmarks, that topics of religion and politics should not be discussed in Masonic Lodges.

Warrants were issued to twenty-four new lodges situate north, south, east and west in the far flung British brother-line all over the world.

"What noble matter, what unworthy form" is the universal opinion of all Grand Jurisdictions as to the wretched little pamphlets issued by the Mother Grand Lodge from time to time instead of Annual Proceedings. Make and keep us proud of you in form as in substance!

FLORIDA

Cary B. Fish, M.W. Grand Master.

The Ninety-eighth Annual Communication was held in Jacksonville, April 19th, 1927, eight Past Grand Masters being present.

Canada's Grand Representative did not respond to roll call.

The late M.W. Bro. Gilchrist's funeral was attended by Grand Lodge in special session.

As to physical disability the Grand Master sensibly rules:

I have received several applications to receive and ballot upon petitions of persons who had artificial substitutes. In each case I have answered that if the applicant by reason of his artificial limb, could literally comply with all the pre-requisites required, then the lodge could receive and act upon the petition.

Here is a racial ruling:

Can a lodge lawfully receive the petition of a Chinaman for initiation?

Answer—I find nothing in our constitution or regulations prohibiting such a petition from being received.

Seventeen cornerstones were laid.

Grand Lodge were made the residuary legatees of the estate of the late M.W. Bro. Gilchrist for the Home:

That portion of the estate of Brother Gilchrist which will be turned over to the Endowment Fund of the Home, consists mostly in real estate, the value of which at this time, is more or less problematical, but it should be in the neighborhood of three or four hundred thousand dollars.

A memorial notice thus sums up his virtues:

Thus records the passing of this beloved Brother, distinguished citizen, accomplished Mason, and true friend.

Florida is loyal to the Masonic Service Association:

The Association is now having edited a new Masonic Encyclopedia with R.W. Frederick W. Hamilton of Massachusetts as editor-in-chief. I believe, we will have assembled for the use of the Craft, a Masonic Encyclopedia which will cover all Masonic subjects and be a standard reference work.

The Relief Committee assisted 527 families besides that assistance to the refugees of which no record was made. Five from Canada were aided.

The G.M. recommends efficiency in trials:

That this Commission conduct all trials and pass upon the guilt of the defendant, and if found guilty, that they pronounce the sentence, which sentence shall take effect from the time of its pronouncement.

The Trustees of the Masonic Home report:

Old age, with its enforced progressive tendency to weakness, sickness, and debility, cannot properly be cared for mixed with the activity, joyousness and reasonable noise and hilarious exuberance of children.

Old people must have surcease, most of the time, from exciting conditions, and in the same house, under the same roof, this is impossible.

The petition for initiation in Florida requires the applicant to disclose all his relationships in life and is a reasonably searching document.

The oration in the absence of the Grand Orator, was given by Bro. A. E. Barnett on "The Five Great Affirmations of Freemasonry". We know of nothing that has been issued this year that is more scholarly and more inspiring to the lovers of the Craft. We regret that we can only select an outline:

No man can put his hand on the date of its origin nor conduct a pilgrimage to the shrine of its birth.

Masonry is not a religious institution, but it is a system that has distilled from all religious organizations the essence of their moral and spiritual genius and has combined and stored them in the crystal vial of its beautiful symbolism.

It takes the best from Greece: Be moderate, know thyself; from Rome: Be strong, order thyself; from Confucius: Be superior, correct thyself; from Buddha: Be disillusioned, forget thyself; from Islam: Be submissive, bend thyself; from Judaism: Be holy, conform thyself; from Materialism: Be efficient, cultivate thyself; from Dilletantism: Be broad, enjoy thyself; from Christianity: Be God-like, Give thyself.

1. The First and Chief of Masonic Affirmations is our Belief in God.

Thus, having sought and made my great inquest
And searched in every place, I threw me on my bed,
But, oh, my rest was poisoned

With the extremes of grief and fear,
Till, looking down into my anxious breast,
That magazine of woes, I found Him there.

2. The Second Great Masonic Affirmation is the Divinity of the Holy Scriptures.

3. The Third Great Masonic Affirmation is the ultimate reign of Justice on the Earth.

4. The improvability of Human Nature.

The Square emphasizes what Wolsey taught Cromwell: Be just and fear not

Let all the ends thou aim'st at be thy country's, thy God's and truth's.

Then if thou fall'st, thou fall'st a blessed martyr.

5. The Imperishability of the Human Soul.

George W. Clendenan represents Florida, and Canada is represented by Silas B. Wright.

Membership 30,404. Net increase 3,006.

The Fraternal Correspondence responds to the sympathetic hand and heart and head of W. Bro. Eli P. Hubbell, whom we credited in a former review with the rank of Most Worshipful. In any event he deserves it.

We copy this from Alberta's Review:

In referring to the so-called copies of the "Work", which are on sale in many bookstores, he pays his respects to those responsible in well deserved strong terms: "Those who are guilty of commercializing Masonry in this way are contemptible Masons and are not worthy of membership in the order." The unfortunate part is that those to whom this particularly applies may quite likely never "see themselves as others see them".

Canada is fairly and friendly summarized:

Well does the address of Grand Master Rowland indicate that as chief executive he is fully endowed with the necessary qualifications of wisdom to preside, judgment to define and ability to administer.

He was more lenient toward physical disability only four being refused, one being so deaf he could not understand, one had lost both legs and another whose financial condition was such that it would be "unfair to both family and lodge." Wonder if this last kind of disability is taken into consideration as carefully as it should be? Some apparently fail to realize that Freemasonry is not a necessity, but rather a luxury. This is more noticeable in the proceedings of some of our distant overseas Grand Bodies.

This comment has been made by many Jurisdictions it being taken for granted that the honour of the Craft is involved and no oath required:

It seems strange to find it recorded that before proceeding to the election of officers in any Masonic Body, "the scrutineers

of the ballot were sworn in," but this is the reported procedure in the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Very little seems to have escaped the notice of Bro. Ponton in his excellent and voluminous Fraternal Correspondence report and it is regrettable that Grand Lodge should have thought it necessary to abridge his work.

A full reprint from England on the abuse of the ballot is shared by our colleague with his Florida Brethren. In some lodges in Ontario this should also be read once a year.

He strikes home in North Carolina:

He well says that when all Masonic officers advance, as they do in some Grand Jurisdictions, it virtually means that every Grand Master appoints a successor, and "the 'election' of officers is reduced to the status of a farce."

Virginia's recognition of the merits of the late Bro. Eggleston suggests this comment applicable universally:

How much better it is to permit the living to know that his best efforts are recognized.

GEORGIA

A. G. Miller, M.W. Grand Master.

Prior to the opening of the One Hundred and forty-first Annual Communication in Macon on October 25th, 1927, the new Grand Lodge building was solemnly dedicated with corn, oil, and wine, the stages being banked with masses of exquisite roses. Deputy Grand Master Raymond Daniel, afterwards elected Grand Master, delivered an oration on the occasion and it was indeed a worthy one, as are all the addresses and letters of this outstanding and upstanding Craftsman:

Man has desired always a home.

Back in the tribal days, when clans dwelt in tents upon the plains, was the dream of a place of permanent abode. From this vision came villages, towns and cities. With his own home supplied, man turned, in his wish, for a house for his God. Ever a creature of worship and association, man sought a sanctuary, where with his neighbor and his friends, he might meet and mingle in peace and unity.

In the earliest time of antiquity was the Man's House, the heathen's temple where barbaric rites were practiced for unknown gods. Afterwards were the resplendent structures of pagan Egypt, Babylon, Rome and Greece. With advancing civilization evolved more marvelous edifices.

Solomon in his wisdom, perceived that nothing would so unite the twelve tribes as to engage in some great work. Where there is labor there are peace and unity. Within the temple was enshrined the law given by Jehovah to Moses upon Mount Sinai, and preserved in the golden casket known as the Ark of the Covenant, built of acacia.

Henceforth it is to be our home—our consecrated edifice of a united family of brothers. But all things material decay and die.

May we bring up into our spiritual lives the ark of the covenant of God, with His law engraven on the tablets of our hearts; may the flame of righteousness burn brightly.

The Representatives of 600 lodges were present including ten Past Grand Masters. C. Percy Taylor represented Canada.

With this appeal the Grand Master called the Craft to labor:

May we come to the performance of our duties to-day filled with a determination to legislate wisely as God gives us the wisdom, that the Order we love so well may continue to grow into confidence of those who are not of us.

He reported Communication of Grand Lodge for the funeral of a well beloved Past Grand Master, Robert Lee Colding.

He reported sixteen cornerstones as having been laid during the year, a fine record of a proper Craft function.

Conditions at the Home are in splendid shape.

It has been of great educative value to me to have served with the other Trustees, and to have seen them meeting month after month, working earnestly, without pay, to carry forward the work economically, but efficiently.

"Students" Loan Fund. This is one piece of constructive work of which we should be proud.

Lodges in our own State have sent their members out to the Southwest sick with tuberculosis, with just enough money to pay their railroad fares, and then leave them to become charges upon the Brethren in the States mentioned. This is an act not only of thoughtlessness and gross carelessness, but of refined cruelty. If your Brother will go, see to it that he has enough money to meet all expenses for at least a year, or else keep him at home.

Here are two rulings:

Is it necessary to vote upon a petition reported unfavorably by the investigating committee? Yes. A petition for the degrees must be balloted upon regardless of the report of the investigating committee.

May an applicant who can neither read nor write receive the degrees? No. The Masonic law strictly forbids. In this day of free schools and easy means of acquiring some degree of education, there is no excuse for any man not to be able to read and write.

I have been called upon to grant permission to confer the degrees upon a number of disabled men. I have required the proper papers to be presented to the Jurisprudence Committee. This is a wise provision of the law and has permitted many splendid men to enjoy the benefits of our order.

What outstanding achievement can Georgians point to to-day and say that Georgia Masons accomplished it? The Shrine, Scottish Rite, the Woodmen of the World, the Kiwanis, and kindred civic clubs are far-out-stripping us in achieving great humanitarian projects.

The pleading accents of men and women asking that they may be permitted to spend the closing years of life in comfort and contentment. Oh, Georgia Masons, wake up to the realization of the great opportunities of service which await you! Let us not die of dry rot, but rather experience a renewal of vitality, strength and growth.

Surely with this slogan and this rallying call Georgia will advance.

The matron of the Easten Star thus wrote to Grand Lodge:

Any word that you may be able to say to any one, individually or in groups, for our Order and the advancement of same in Georgia, will be of invaluable assistance to us and will be appreciated, besides adding stars to your own rich crown of service to humanity.

And three other letters from co-operative ladies were also read.

Membership 66,843. Amounts sent to Mississippi Flood Fund $6,664.

Just a few lines from Bro. Daniel's address in accepting the Grand Mastership:

I shall endeavor to do what I feel will be for the interest of our Craft.

Back of us is a fadeless past. Before us is a limitless future. Speak to the children of Israel that they go forward!

The 200 children of the Masonic Home were brought in and marched on the spacious stage and were presented by the Grand Master as the true jewels of the Masonic Order.

The Print Shop and the Messenger receive this high praise:

There has never been an enterprise entered into by your Board that more completely accomplished the ends desired than the establishing of the Print Shop in connection with the Home.

There is no Grand Jurisdiction that is producing or publishing a higher class paper than that of our own.

At the date of these Proceedings the late M.W. Bro. W. R. White was still entered as the Representative of Georgia.

M.W. Bro. Raymund Daniel prefaces his fraternal Review, which is printed in a separate volume, and is indeed worth while, by a powerful and appealing article on "The New Name". We regret to have to injure its continuity by making selections:

The word "Come" means much in Freemasonry.

There is one greater word, however—and that is "overcome".

One of the two prominent patrons of the Art, Saint John, the Evangelist, uses the word "overcome" in all the fullness of its marvelous extent in his Revelation story of the final home of man.

The legends of Freemasonry refer to the relation of Saint John the Evangelist with the Ancient Order as follows:

He thereby completed by his learning what the other Saint John had accomplished by his zeal, and thus drew what the old records terms a line parallel. After his decease, the Christian Lodges were dedicated to him and Saint John the Baptist, they both being regarded as eminent patrons of Freemasonry.

At best, legends can be accepted only as legends, but the fact remains that much of Freemasonry's highest principles and tenets are found in the words of Saint John the Evangelist. He wrote of love—of God's fatherhood, of benevolence and man's brotherhood—and an eternal home.

He was a spiritual symbolist, one might say; a mysticist.

His depiction of that city is Masonic, for he tells that it "lieth four-square and the length is as large as the breadth. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal."

John utters the words that all Freemasons can grasp:

To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hiddden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth.

In what we accept as his earlier writings, John had said:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

A "Lost Word". . . "A white stone" . . . "A new name"

All through Revelation, all through the Holy Light of Freemasonry, all through Freemasonry, all through Life, runs the ideal of building, building—ever building.

Nor will the individual new name of the Fatherhood destroy the joy of brotherhood. Here upon the floors of the lesser lodge, we—each with our individual name—mingle.

Shall not that "new name" but be the Lost Word for which we have sought so long?

To whom is promised that "white stone" and "new name?"

"To him that overcometh!"

He cites with approval California's three-fold aspect of Masonic obligations, as being humanitarian, civic and moral.

In his review of Canada he choses several pages of extracts from the Report on the Condition of Masonry and from the Grand Master's address, saying:

Although far over in the Proceedings, the report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry sheds its light over all of the volume. Had we space the report in its entirety would be reproduced, but we must be content to subjoin these excerpts:

He well says that Grand Master Rowland sounded a proper note of warning and also struck the key note of benevoient service. He does not wholly approve of the observaton of our Grand Master as to one suffering from disability being allowed to hold office only on obtaining a special dispensation. The Committee on warrants comes in for unusual praise and our colleague says that they write "indelible words of counsel". We value his all too generous recognition of this Reviewer's work:

Chaste, beautifully fashioned, half revealing and half concealing the warp and woof of its wonderful fabric, the report comes from the master mind of the Grand Correspondent. It is like walking down physically silent but spiritually ringing aisles of cathedrals to read the words of his "prelude", his reviews and his "postlude".

Under Colorado we read:

We are in most hearty accord with the folllowing view of the Custodians of the Work for the revision of the funeral and burial service and—

That it should be revised according to the Masonic standpoint, and not from that of the profane.

That it be left optional with the lodge whether or not the funeral hymn be sung or the grave be filled by the members.

For an organization that believes in the directing power of God and the immortality of the soul, Freemasonry's funeral and burial services are most depressing if not paganistic.

His report on England and especially his allusions to the great ceremony of the cornerstone of the Peace Memorial is indeed refreshing in its friendliness. He adds this touching tribute:

It comes as a bitter personal hurt to read that Past Deputy Grand Master Sir Frederick Halsey and Past Grand Director of Ceremonies J. S. Granville Grenfell are among those who have passed away. How well we remember their kindnesses when we were of the American Masonic deputation that attended the Peace Jubilee of the United Grand Lodge in 1919. We can close our eyes and see Brother Sir Frederick in the Grand East. Even now can we behold the clear-cut, dignified and yet cordial manner in which Brother Granville Grenfell carried out his duties.

He—as we all ought to do—wields a lance for libraries on every possible occasion, quoting this under Wisconsin:

> And books are yours,
> Within whose silent chambers treasure lies
> Preserved from Age to Age.

IDAHO

Henry P. Glindeman, Grand Master.

On the title page in large type this requirement is issued to the Officers of Lodges:

Worshipful Masters are required to read the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, or have them read to their respective lodges, within three months from the receipt thereof, which fact the secretaries are required to report to the Grand Secretary.

The Sixtieth Annual Communication was held at Coeur d'Alene September 13, 1927, when the Grand Lodge was opened on the Third Degree of Masonry in ample form.

14 Past Grand Masters added dignity to the Grand East· Canada's Grand Representative was not present.

From the address of warm welcome we take these sentences:

The real consequence of the work in a Masonic Lodge is to make the members a positive force in the moral life of mankind.

Members of the Grand Lodge of Idaho! We of the Craft here in Coeur d'Alene (realizing that we are only a small part of the millions who are helped by this dynamic force of Masonry), loving and cherishing that force, pledge to you and all Masons our loyalty to the sublime principles of Freemasonry, and here to-day extend to you a most cordial welcome to our city.

Then during a recess carefully planned, the little daughter of the Grand Master entered bearing a huge basket of flowers which were gracefully presented to her father, and many an eye was dampened.

The Grand Master said in the opening of his address:

The year has been exceptional in its spirit of peace and harmony. The Spirit of Truth passes through our Masonic experiences and we come into possession of the significance of life.

During the year I have encouraged the holding of group meetings of neighboring lodges, where geographically convenient, thus enabling the members of these lodges to meet at an evening meeting and enjoy a general program of interest to the Craft.

He refused a dispensation under the following circumstances:

To a brother desiring to take the so-called higher degrees of Masonry, the one-year period not having elapsed since taking his Master Mason degree.

We are sorry to read this strict and literal ruling:

Can a man who has lost his left arm at the elbow be given the degrees of Freemasonry?

Answer: No.

Of the Masonic Club he says:

In each instance, however, I feel that the matter of organizing Masonic Clubs should be referred to the Master of the Lodge having jurisdiction.

George N. Cochrane was appointed by him to represent Canada.

He does not like poor work, but he says:

I realize that perfect ritualism is not all there is to lodge work, and that perfect ritualism alone will not make a very good lodge, or a very good officer.

Grand Secretary Pike presents a wonderfully comprehensive report and summarizes his Secretaries thus—of the total number 80, 35 are Past Masters, 2 of them being Past Grand Masters and one a Past Grand Secretary:

It is a serious mistake to elect a Secretary from among the new members. The Secretary, like the Master, should be a Mason of experience.

The office is too important to be made simply a period of preparation for higher stations. To attempt to train a new Secretary every year is too costly an experience.

Membership 10,118. Net gain 110.

He closes thus:

The year has been one of peace and harmony. Fate has dealt kindly with the present Grand Master. His administration has fallen in quiet times.

He has a big heart.

Of the Foreign Correspondence the Committee say:

The wisdom of conducting lodge trials by commission is receiving favorable mention in the addresses of many Grand Masters.

The reader of Masonic Proceedings is greatly impressed by the large number of Masonic Temples being constructed, Hospitals, Homes and Institutions for the comfort and care of Masons and their dependent ones being established.

The Committee on Masonic Education have done fine work. They report:

Quite a number of Lodges are building up small Masonic Libraries, and we have given this idea our hearty approval.

Give the members something really worth while and they will return for more. Lodges do not make enough of this idea. We need more lodge activity rather than less.

Grand Orator Wood spoke on the Growth of a Mason, saying:

Masonry must be differentiated from all other lodges or organizations, except, perhaps, the Christian church. They inculcate some particular lesson or virtue, but Masonry is a complete philosophy of life.

It simply asks that you be a free man and thus master your destiny.

Finally, after a life patterned upon such a philosophy is drawing to a close, the setting splendors of a virtuous life will gild the golden west with the gentle tints of brotherly love and truth, and the Mason will depart to foreign countries, knowing that he has fully qualified to work therein and draw Master Mason's wages, leaving behind the blessing of a splendid memory to his fellow-men who will fully realize the truth of the charge of the Master Mason, "that when he became a Master Mason he became a better man, husband, father, citizen and friend.

Bro. R. F. Curtis was elected Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. R. F. Richardson, one of the hardest working members of Grand Lodge, represents Idaho.

W. Bro. Percy Jones presents his first report on Foreign Correspondence and does it in a capable manner in concentrated form.

He was greatly struck with the address of the Grand Master of Alberta on "I will lift mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help."

Canada is briefly and fraternally reviewed. He quotes from the Grand Master's address at Port Arthur. He says the reports of the D.D.G.M's as a whole show the splendid efficiency and progress of the Ontario Craft. We regret that Idaho was not included in our review of that year. He kindly quotes several paragraphs and a verse of our review.

Ireland interests him and all of us:

The Grand Master said: "A very interesting thing is chronicled, which I confess is new to me. Brother S. Kirkpatrick has died in New Zealand, and he has left all his fortune for the foundation of a Masonic Female Orphan School at Nelson. He was an English Freemason, but the four Grand Lodges in New Zealand have equal jurisdiction."

ILLINOIS

David D. King, M.W. Grand Master.

The Eighty-eighth annual meeting was held in Chicago 11th October, 1927. Ten Past Grand Masters were received at the altar.

The Grand Master traced the development of Grand Lodge from the meeting in Jacksonville, October 20th, 1840, when 23 members met and organized Grand Lodge composed of four lodges and about 100 members as contrasted with the present splendid record of 1,000 lodges and a membership of 290,642. He well says:

Well may we conclude that we can hope to succeed in the administration of these vast and complicated interests only under Divine guidance.

Illinois' trouble with radicalism is not an isolated case, but Illinois Masons speak out on the subject They realize the danger from which we all suffer

Because the great body of our citizenship is composed of law abiding and patriotic men and women, our country has always weathered the storm of ungrounded criticism and of insidious attacks by anarchists, communists and so-called "Parlor Socialists". These extremists seek many disguises to conceal their cunning purpose of weakening the supporting pillars of American principles. An illustration of this is found in the recent effort to disturb the peace and harmony of the entire citizenship of this country under the guise of protesting a trial in the State of Massachusetts of two men who were duly convicted of crime according to the law of the land.

We are all, of course, devoted to liberty, but we believe like Daniel Webster that "Liberty exists in proportion to wholesome restraint." Undivided allegiance to public authority must be required.

It is the privilege and duty of all American Masons, in the full discharge of their duties as citizens, to resent and repress in every lawful manner any attack upon those fundamentals which we hold sacred and basic as citizens of this country.

The Grand Master declined to lay the cornerstones of any church buildings This seems to be the policy of this Jurisdiction

Then we read what would shock us in Canada, how that the charter of Moline Lodge was suspended for ninety days because they had initiated a candidate from whose right hand the thumb had been amputated This striking case was too much even for Illinois and a resolution was passed subsequently by Grand Lodge somewhat relieving the literal interpretation of physical disability In other respects however we will heartily agree as to the qualifications of candidates He says:

It developed in the evidence that one of the brethren recommending the petition of the accused claimed to have known him one-three hundred-sixty-fifth of a year, and another for one hour. As a warning to others I am convinced that a lodge permitting its members to make a farce out of the law in this respect should have its charter revoked.

Of Masonic charity he emphasizes our duty and its limitations:

One of the principal causes of trouble in the Grand Master's office comes through the fact that certain relief organizations, as well as certain members of the fraternity and their families, appear to labor under the misapprehension that a Masonic lodge is in duty bound to provide pecuniary relief for its members in all cases of distress.

This is interesting from the point of view of all Grand Correspondents and shows Illinois to be both generous and appreciative of good work done:

According to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge our Committee on Correspondence received as remuneration for its services previous to 1905, $300. per annum. At the 1905 session the amount was increased to $500., and has remained at that figure ever since. In view of the fact that the cost of everything has so materially increased in the intervening years I recommend that beginning with the year 1927 the amount paid this Committee be increased to $1,000 per annum.

The accounts of the three funds show an almost phenomenal total of over $815,000 with a balance on hand of over $380,000,

The Masonic Orphans' Home (subsequently changed to Children's Home in some Jurisdictions) showed a balance to the credit of Grand Lodge of $287. Many donations and bequests are recorded Number of children 219. There are 201 members in the Old People's Home, the average age is above 70 years. Both Institutions are doing a grand work The report says:

More and more, I believe, the children are coming to love their Home, and to think of it as really their own, which means that the Superintendent himself must be constantly alert that his own words and acts may be those of a kind father.

The Jurisprudence Committee emphasize this important point:

Members of lodges are recommending petitioners and members of committees to whom petitions are referred should take the time and the pains to inform themselves as to the physical as well as to other qualifications of the candidate.

The Committee on Obituaries strike this note rarely expressed:

Our understanding of antiquity comes to us largely from the edifices and the records that were made to mark the achievements and the qualities of the great and the good of the past. Those edifices survive when temporary structures have long since passed; and they survive not because they were builded better than other structures of their time, but because they were cherished and guarded by one civilization after another to which came the truths and the ideals of those who had preceded them.

Grand Orator Bradley delivered an eloquent oration from which we cannot resist making the following selection:

There is no middle highway in civilization. The world is either progressing toward a consummation, and an approach toward idealism, or it is disintegrating and decaying.

I believe that upon the altar of the world's heart there are preserved the three fundamental ideals, the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of men and the undying lesson of our beloved acacia as it speaks to the soul on the basis of immortal truth.

Every lodge is greater than its best member. Masonry is bigger than any one man, always.

Now you first choose Masonry, and then Masonry chooses you, and every man on the platform, and in the auditorium is a picked man. That means that there were certain elements that entered into your choice. No fool can be a Mason; some Masons are foolish, but no fool can be a Mason.

The Committee on Legislation lay down this obligation:

Neither the individual Mason nor the lodge should seek to avoid its apparent Masonic and moral responsibility, if he or it is able to discharge it, by referring the application for relief to any other agency whatever.

Canada was represented by Bro. Sylvester O. Spring.

Net gain in Membership 4,878.

Illinois is divided into 100 Districts.

M.W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, K.C., P.G.M., represents Illinois and does it well.

Bro. Elmer E. Beach presents his fourth review and from the Foreword we take these wise sentences:

The greater facilities possessed by the Association are generally recognized and where Grand Lodges have declined to avail themselves of the valuable assistance offered the M.S.A. it has generally been for the reason that the individual lodges themselves failed to make sufficient use of the facilities and advantages furnished by the Association rather than a failure to recognize the value of these advantages.

Many of the Grand Lodges have acted independently in establishing tuberculosis sanatoria to care for their afflicted brethren and the opinion is sometimes expressed that the climatic advantages in the southwest are not materially greater than in any other sections of the country.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland forbade Masons of its obedience to become members of the Order of the Eastern Star until the Constitution of that order was amended so as not to require the presence of Masons at their meetings and until all reference to Masonry was stricken from the ritual.

The Belgium incident should afford a warning against hasty and ill-considered recognition of any foreign Grand Lodge or Grand Orient whose laws and traditions are not in all respects in harmony with the Ancient Landmarks.

British Columbia receives a fine review and our own opinion of M.W. Bro. Manson is confirmed by our colleague who says:

One of the finest addresses we have ever read on Freemasonry was delivered by Grand Master Manson. We wish every Mason might read this address in full. Excerpts seem a rank injustice, but, at the risk of injury to the whole, we quote the following:

Hidden away in the heart of its teachings and tenets there is a something which draws the brethren to it. What is that something? Let us search, and in searching for our Holy Grail let me, in this my last message to you as your grand master, consider some aspects of our gatherings.

It it be that the stranger has gained admittance, then the lodge has in hand its greatest duty—not the mechanical making of a Freemason but the moulding of the Masonic character of the stranger.

A fine summary of Canada 1926 transactions is given and Grand Master Rowland's address is largely quoted with approval, covering several pages. This is emphasized:

The feverish excitement of the post-war period has given way to more sane and well-ordered activity in Masonic affairs It used to be said of a great British statesman that he could give to his budget speeches the charm of a romance.

And this regarding Secretaries:

A secretary must not allow access to his mailing list or books to any unauthorized person.

He agrees as to the responsibility of constituent lodges:

The thing of which we stand in most need to-day is that the private lodges shall show in connection with the cases that come to us that same quiet and unobtrusive personal and sympathetic interest that is shown in connection with their own. On this subject the grand master makes very sound and pertinent suggestions.

The medals for 50 years long service as Past Masters are approved. From the conclusion of the review we take the following:

It is probable that ninety-nine per cent. of the members of the constituent lodges have little or no knowledge or information as to the various proceedings of their grand lodge. Such knowledge surely is not only desirable but essential. Other grand lodges might give thought to a subject which seems to have been well digested by the Grand Lodge of Canada.

A very comprehensive report on foreign correspondence is furnished by the chairman of the committee.

This from Georgia:

A visitor examined privately by a Master Mason and vouched for in the lodge room by the brother conducting the examination, is qualified to sit in a lodge of Master Masons—the information received being lawful Masonic information. It is a better course to have visitors examined by a committee from the lodge, but when a brother who is qualified to examine another conducts the examination to his own satisfaction, there is no real objection to such proceedings. (The above will be interesting to Illinois Masons, as it is a departure from, if not a contradiction of the practice in this jurisdiction.)

Tennessee receives the longest and fullest review, among the interesting comments being the following:

A recommendation quite at variance with the law in Illinois is that a brother convicted of a felony in a State or Federal court shall *ipso facto* stand suspended from all the rights and privileges of Masonry from the first day of his incarceration and shall not be allowed to apply for reinstatement for twelve months after his release from imprisonment. It will be remembered by Illinois Masons that in that state the record of conviction of a crime in a State or Federal court is not even sufficient evidence to warrant conviction by the lodge but may be introduced as a part of the evidence. In other words to warrant conviction in the lodge there must be some evidence at least of guilt of the offense charged in addition to the record of conviction, sentence and the serving of the sentence in the penitentiary. This appears to be true even though the accused at the time of the trial in State or Federal court pleaded guilty.

This from the very full report of Wisconsin:

For the great body of craftsmen there is no work laid out, no designs upon the trestle board, hence confusion and loss of interest. There is "Work" only for the comparatively few who hold office. Hence it is inevitable that men lose interest and drift away. But give them "Work" worth the doing and you will hold them.

INDIANA

William G. Gleake, M.W. Grand Master.

The Proceedings of the One Hundred and tenth year are preceded by excellent photographs of Grand Master Gleake, of his successor Grand Master Smith, of Grand Secretary Swintz, and of Grand Instructor Tolle, all with wonderfully expressive countenances.

A preliminary meeting before the opening of Grand Lodge was held, one of the objects of which is explained in the Foreword which is thus introduced:

Following a custom, now firmly established, the hour from 9 to 10 a.m. before the formal opening of the Grand Lodge on Tuesday morning, was devoted to an open meeting at which the children from the Home demonstrated their musical ability, which is indeed remarkable.

Then followed the address of the hour by Bro. Jackson, from which we select some sentences of weight and warning:

I simply can not understand how men can believe that the living of a life is not a most serious thing, and especially in this modern age.

Life must be more to us than the latest motor car at its lowest price and the latest series of home runs by "the king

of swat", whoever he may be. Life is a tremendous trust, and the living of it an awful responsibility.

Yesterday our star was the brightest in all the galaxy of states. To-day we tremble for our very security. On the one hand we want peace, but dare not lay down our arms. On the other hand we want preparedness, but we dare not flaunt our powers before the eyes of foreign nations lest we be misunderstood to say that we have chosen the musket and the sabre as our arbiters.

Nor are we free from confusion within our own borders. Behold, a constitutional amendment instead of being such that all men pledge their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor to uphold it, it is thwarted on the one hand and zealously pursued on the other.

And then again, the passing of the home and the home life is the common wail from the platform, pulpit and the press and all those who love the rustic hearth.

The modern triumvirate, the radio, the movie and motor car, all display the torment of their common parent, Mischief, and we hear that the youth of to-day is the embarrassment of all sane minds. And yet each day brings new laurels to the brow of the youth of our land.

No workman could know or say that he had built the temple. His task was, and it was enough, that he should use the perfect tools placed in his hands, and do his work to match the plan laid out before him.

In his revealed word for uncounted generations God gave to man the perfect working tools of life—Brotherly love, morality, devotion, relief and truth.

And so, since the truth of Speculative Masonry must be revealed and fulfilled, the Great Builder of the Universe sent a Grand Master, who entered into the Holy Place of a three years' ministry and thirty years of perfect life, and who drew upon the trestle board of that life all the designs ever needed by any workmen upon this heavenly house. By the plan drawn by the Nazarene man knows his part in the will of God and his task in the building of the everlasting house and kingdom.

Speculative Masonry is the working out of God's plan and will by man and the application of this truth in spiritual building.

Grand Lodge opened in Indianapolis, 24th May, 1927, with no less than 19 Past Grand Masters reporting for duty and collaborating work. Canada was represented by Elias J. Jacoby.

The Grand Master discouraged the idea that numbers should be esteemed the true measure of the strength and progress of an institution. He says that a fine spirit of co-operation and harmony prevails.

On the fraternal dead he quoted:

Who lives for you and me—
Lives for the world he tries
To help—he lives eternally;
A good man never dies.

June 24th is always kept as the annual Indiana Masonic Home Day and the appeal for funds was generously responded to.

He reports the appointment of our own Grand Master, M.W. Bro. John S. Martin as the Representative of Indiana.

Ten cornerstones were laid, five of them of Public School buildings.

Two weak lodges were ordered consolidated.

He rules that an Indiana Brother having been expelled by a lodge (?) in California, his appeal was to California and not to Indiana. The lodge which first takes cognizance of the case acquires jurisdiction.

Another of the new barnacles that tries to attach itself to Masonry appears in an application by one Charliena Anderson, Deputy of the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, to be permitted to use a Masonic Lodge Hall in this State. The Grand Master declined and his decision was confirmed, but it was brought out in the judgment that lodges in Indiana are permitted to be used for legitimate Masonic purposes and for legitimate Eastern Star purposes, which strikes us as extraordinary and as being one of the first steps towards co-Masonry.

Of the new and modern spirit of liberty he says in his conclusion:

Men and women must become worthy to live in it, and must find in this new freedom the moral equivalent of the past masterful authority. Under this new freedom there is a tendency for the individual to become a law unto himself. It is my opinion that this condition develops more often in an individual who has lost contact with or belief in the Divinity. That contact and that belief always have been and always will be the supreme need of all peoples and of all nations.

The Grand Treasurer reports:

The Home has been generously remembered in their wills during the year by some of those who have crossed over the great river into the eternal beyond.

This paragraph from a Report of a commission given to Grand Lodge on May 24th strikes us as somewhat inappropriate to the unifying function of Masonry.

And whereas, the purposes of said commission are to suitably and permanently commemorate the conquest of that vast territory lying north of the Ohio River, west of the Alleghany Mountains, east of the Mississippi River and south of the Great Lakes, by reason of which conquest the domain of Great Britain over that vast territory was forever terminated

Membership 127,915, net increase 1,700.

163 adult dependents and 221 children in the Home, average age of adult membership nearly 80 years, waiting list now numbers 40. A farm of 87 acres has been added to the Home property. Grand Lodge visited the Home in a body and were delighted with what they found.

York Grand Lodge of Mexico was recognized but recognition of the Grand Lodge of France and of Egypt was deferrred.

This tribute to the distinguished dead of other Grand Jurisdictions is indeed worthy:

They were modest in their service. They were gentle in their labors. They were tireless in their responsibilities. They were brilliant in their example. They were faithful in their trust.

We claim them as our own, tried Brethren of the tribe which serves in faithfulness.

M.W. Bro. Gavin, Grand Treasurer, celebrated his 50th, year in Masonry and was presented with a basket of 50 lovely roses and these words (with others):

No matter how old Brother Gavin may be to us, he is a man in the meridian of life. The time has not arrived when his occupation is to reflect on good deeds performed consequent on a well spent life. He is still adding additional stars to be placed in his crown of glory.

The fourteenth annual review of M.W. Bro. Elmer F. Gay, whose handsome features precede his report, is interesting and discriminating in selection His statistical tables cover the United States and Canada He estimates the total number in the United States as 3,198,315, a total gain for the year of 70,-936 He puts Canada's total at 190,119 with a total gain of 4,414 We think we are now 200,000 strong

Under Alabama he quotes the application made by a representative of the American Catholic Church, apparently a new ecclesiastical organization for funds and for *moral* support and Grand Master Street's diplomatic method of declining, saying incidentally:

We would and do oppose that in any other church, and there are other churches beside the Roman Catholic that are offenders against the wise policy of churches keeping out of politics. I fear nearly all of them offend to some extent.

It would be contrary to Masonic policy for a Grand Lodge of Masons as a body to contribute money to the promotion of the spread of the doctrines or policy of any church.

Arkansas a near neighbor, furnishes more interesting information about Mexico and the alleged boycott of the Catholic Churches This we have since seen denied but apparently the G.M. speaks with authority There are probably two sides to the question:

The boycott sent out by the heads of the Catholic churches which are being distributed generally among the poor class, one

of them reads thus: "Practice all means to paralyze the economic life of Mexico, take your money from the banks and the national pawnshops, Boycott the government banks of Mexico, do not use the telegraph or the mail to send funds, use the cable, refuse to pay.

Maryland blooms in the following:

The following beautiful simile is taken from the address:

We all know that our beloved Fraternity is the story of human life, and as we pass this way but once, it is not surprising that many of us gather flowers along the way; others seem satisfied with weeds, and many gather absolutely nothing on the journey of life and come to its end with empty hands, depending upon their more fortunate fellows for the help that they may need.

We find "Canada" under Ontario The reviewer notes particularly the number of distinguished visitors present He speaks of the concise and business-like address of the Grand Master and then quotes the prelude of this reviewer's report for 1926 as his address We are glad to be identified with him in this paragraph for we are credited afterwards with part of the the report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry so that honours are easy. Other matters are favourably commented on and quoted.

IOWA

Harry:Milton Belt, M.W. Grand Master.

The kindly features of Grand Master Belt with a fine biography open the Proceedings with this heading from Lincoln "the better part of one's life consists of his friendships."

The Grand Master's biography emphasizes "the Faith of our Fathers" to which Bro. Belt has Masonically and nationally always shown fidelity. "Office did not spoil him" his biographer says:

It has been said that some members grow under responsibility; others merely swell.

The Annual Meeting was preceded by public exercises full of ceremonial, of music, and of speeches.

At this point, detachments of Civil War, Spanish-American War and World War veterans, accompanied by the stirring music of a drum and bugle corps, entered the Auditorium and marched through the center aisle to the stage, where the Flags were received and placed in position.

Masonry in its purity loves and respects the Flag, but it also loves, respects, obeys and defends the Constitution in which it recognizes the source of the people's liberty, prosperity and happiness.

Lt. Governor Kimball gave the address of welcome.

The eighty-fourth Annual Communication was held at Council Bluffs, June 14th, 1927. Eleven Past Grand Masters reported for duty.

The Grand Master's address is comprehensive and convincing. He said:

I am in accord with the sentiment of one of our recent Grand Masters—that if the Craft continue to lay such a heavy burden on the Grand Master, it will soon mean that the incumbent will have to lay aside all other work, personal or otherwise, and devote his entire time to those duties alone.

Some one has said, "Get acquainted with your neighbor, you might like him," and group meetings have that very thing in view: to bring us into closer touch and better understanding with each other.

He re-echoes the sentiments of many other Grand Masters with regard to Masonic trials by commission saying:

If Masonic trials were held by unprejudiced and unbiased brethren who have no personal interest in the accused or the officers of the lodge, aside from fraternal brotherhood, I am quite sure that more justice would be meted out and no hard feelings left behind to harrass the lodge.

He recommends that the Grand Lodge take similar action to that taken by Pennsylvania.

It shall be unlawful for the members of the lodges in this Jurisdiction to become associated, or in any way identified, with organizations hereafter to be established, which require Masonic affiliation as a condition necessary to membership therein, unless and until authority from this Grand Lodge, for the creation of such organization, shall first have been obtained.

He urges that Grand Representatives be exchanged.

In one of his tributes to those who have passed on he quoted:

> Soldier, rest! thy warfare o'er,
> Dream of fighting fields no more:
> Sleep the sleep that knows not breaking,
> Morn of toil, nor night of waking.

Grand Secretary and Grand Librarian C. C. Hunt presented a Report brimming over with good things and headed by this line from Wordsworth "Much done, and much designed, and more desired." He says:

We must not lose sight of the fact that the Grand Lodge Bulletin is also the journal of the Iowa Masonic Library and that it has a tradition and a prestige to maintain.

We endeavor to make our publications readable and interesting, and to have the various articles scholarly without being "high brow."

Each morning sees some task begun,
Each evening sees it close;
Something attempted, something done,
Has earned a night's repose.

They have a magnificent library founded by Bro. Parvin in Iowa and 87 travelling libraries through which great educational good is done, and of it he says:

Our position as one of the representative Masonic Libraries of the world also brings us mail from other similar institutions, and also from non-Masonic agencies which turn to us as a reliable source of information on Freemasonry.

A beautiful picture of the new Masonic Sanitarium at Bettendorf, Iowa, with other engravings and plans, adorns the Proceedings.

The Committee on Masonic Service show great work. Among other things they say:

Small Lodges. May we again emphasize our desire to help the small lodge. Realizing the volunteer nature of our Speakers Service, many small lodges have refrained from asking for it. This is a serious mistake. Our speakers are much concerned.

The Report on Grand Lodge recognition is very interesting to us in Canada who are also at the crossing of the ways in this regard. They say:

Our Grand Lodge has always manifested a laudable desire to establish and maintain fraternal relations with all other legitimately organized Masonic Grand Bodies. If this has not in all cases been possible it has been due to the inability or unwillingness of these to put themselves in full accord with our policies and requirements.

Upon investigation we find that Egypt is the most important Masonic center in North Africa—that there is an independent "National Grand Lodge" whose address is Cairo.

Membership 86,541. Net increase 401.

We regret to note that Iowa—one of the founders—has withdrawn from the Masonic Service Association, which to an outsider seems to be doing such splendid work. How could it fail to do so with the men at the head of it?

A unique and generous honour was paid to four distinguished Masons of England, who were elected to honorary membership in Iowa with the rank of Past Senior Grand Warden, namely, Sir Alfred Robbins, William John Songhurst (of Quatuor Coronati Lodge), Arthur Lionel Vibert and Edward Conder. We Britishers in Canada appreciate this international courtesy.

Prior to the opening of the In Memoriam pages we read:

"I See Hermes, unsuspected, dying, well-beloved, saying to the people, 'Do not weep for me, This is not my true country, I have lived banished from my true country—I now

go back there, I return to the celestial sphere where every one goes in his turn."

"Death's truer name
Is 'Onward', no discordance in the roll
And march of that Eternal Harmony
Whereto the world beats time."

The estimated Masonic membership of the United States up to May 1, 1927, is said to be 3,226,774 with 16,465 lodges.

Iowa has always been fond of the harmony of poetry "Like perfect music unto noble words"

To seek God's perfect will to do and know,
To wiser, kinder, better, nobler grow,
To error drive away, truth's beauty show,
And ever to rejoice;
This is my task.

Again M.W. Bro. Louis Block wields a facile and forceful pen as Fraternal Correspondent and gives to each Jurisdiction generously its due.

In his Foreword he treats chiefly of the noblest charity of all—helping a Brother to help himself, and says:

Our ability to understand a thing often depends very largely upon the end from which we are wont to look at it—the point of view from which we approach the subject. And it may be so with our comprehension of charity.

We are told that Siddharta Gautama, a royal prince of India, surfeited and sick with the excesses of the king's court, setting forth some six hundred years before the birth of Christ in search for the light of truth, exchanged his shining royal raiment for the reeking rags of a road-side beggar, in order that he might come to know life from its lowest and bitterest level. It was only by first becoming a beggar that he finally became the Buddha, "the Enlightened One". Humanity's Master of Life, who some nineteen-hundred-odd years ago walked and taught upon the shores of Galilee was so pitiably poor that he said of himself "the foxes have holes and the birds of the air nests, but the Son of Man hath not where to lay his head."

Most of us know something about charity from the giving end of the line. But how many of us have ever seen the thing from the receiving end of the line?

The blessedness of much of Masonic charity lies in the very fact that it realizes this, does its work so softly and so secretly that the sensibilities of its beneficiaries are securely and safely shielded and their pride properly protected.

Now, that's just where the Masonic Employment Bureau steps in—that noblest form of all Masonic charity—that helps a brother to help himself, that shields, saves, and secures his self-respect, promotes and protects his personal pride, and helps him hold up his head among men.

A distinguished surgeon said to us one day: "They needn't tell me there is no such thing as a 'personal devil'.

I know there is, and his last name is Insommia." Now, if that is true, all we have to say is that Mr. P. D. Insommia has a twin-brother and his name is "Enforced Idleness," for if there is a pitiable tragedy on earth it is a human being who is willing to work, wants work, needs work and *can't get it.*

Like all other Reviewers, he gives Oliver Day Street, the distinguished lawyer, scholar and Grand Master of Alabama, honours that are his due, saying:

Brother Street is well known to most of us as the author of "The Symbolism of the Three Degrees" a book of which Brother Haywood well says that it came "without bell", without ostentation or announcement, like the stealing of light at dawn, and made its way very slowly, and by its own intrinsic worth."

In another place he says of this book, "The craft needs a large literature of such books as this."

To our friend M.W. Bro. Manson of British Columbia he pays the highest tribute:

A portrait of Grand Master Alex. M. Manson adorns this volume as its frontispiece. Features displaying true nobility are to be found in this fine face, and the nobility of countenance thus disclosed has not been belied by the earnet nature of the man as we find it displayed when we come to examine his fine annual address. It was a state paper of great worth and value.

Somehow he reminds us of the leading character in Brother Charles Rann Kennedy's great play called "The Servant in the House".

Under Canada he gives this eulogy to our Grand Master Rowland, quoting largely from his address:

Brother Rowland's conclusion forms such a magnificent and noble tribute to Masonry that we quote it entire.

Of our late lamented Bro. Thomas Shanks and his Report he writes:

Brother Shanks discourses eloquently and well on the spirit of Masonry.

We blush as we read his praise of our Review:

We are glad to note that the Report on Fraternal Correspondence is again from the pen of that great Masonic philosopher and writer.

An interesting paragraph from his Review of Colorado we pass on to our readers:

The true solution of the entire matter is to be found in each grand jurisdiction's being scrupulously careful to take care of its own tuberculars.

As we read in the various medical journals the theory that one must go to another climate to cure tuberculosis is largely an exploded one.

He quotes in full Delaware's poem from which space permits us only to take two verses:

Farewell, dear voyageur—'twill not be long,
Your work is done—now may peace rest with thee,
Your kindly thought and deeds—they will live on,
This is not death, 'tis immortality.

Farewell, dear voyageur, the river winds and turns,
The cadence of your song wafts near to me,
And now you know the thing that all men learn;
There is no death—there's immortality.

The poem last above quoted could be very fittingly used as the conclusion of a Masonic funeral service.

Under Illinois where we meet minds so contrasting with the anti-British campaign of certain Chicago notorieties:

Brother Davenport handles without gloves the growing evil of class-presents, saying:

"The custom of classes giving presents to their Master has become so distasteful that in my opinion something should be done to stamp out this pernicious practice.

His "Afterword" is devoted to the Menace of Modern Atheism, of which he says:

Some of us have been a bit startled of late to read in the newspapers, periodicals and magazines about the formation among the students of our colleges and universities, as well as our high schools, of certain societies organized for the fostering of atheism. They call themselves by such fantastic names as "God's Blacksheep," "The Devil's Angels," "The Circle of the Godless," "The Legion of Damned Souls", proclaim it to be their business "to prove the necessity of atheism and to abolish belief in God and all religions based on that belief," and are backed up and supported by a corporation holding a charter from the State of New York, under the high-sounding title of "The Association For the Advancement of Atheism."

Don't you see, my brother, not once, not anywhere in the whole story, is there any suggestion even of "sinners in the hands of an angry God" but always and everywhere the undying love of Him who said "I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee." (Jeremiah XXXI-3.)

No. We have not lost faith in our youth, we cannot feel that the thing is as serious as some would have us think. Youth likes to be impudent, at times even insolent. Always venturesome and daring, it likes to make faces at its elders to see if they will resent it, just as it likes to poke the dog to see if he will really bite. But it will all come out right. Years of discretion, savored and seasoned with suffering, will show these kids that they hadn't *thought the thing through*, that their science had been but superficial, failing to penetrate to the heart of the thing, that while they may know all about "protons, electrons, ions, and the Einstein theory", yet they don't know it all after all, that back and behind the mathematical regularity of the

sparkling snow-flake, the mechanical precision of "the stars in their courses on high," are the undying and everlasting arms of our Father Who is in Heaven.

Soon or late with riper years they will discover that "the heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth forth his handiwork."

"I have loved thee, with an everlasting love."

Therefore no man can escape his salvation. Inevitably it will find him out, will rest upon him like a benediction from on high—this "blessed thought of God."

IRELAND

M.W. Brother The Earl of Donoughmore, Grand Master.

R.W. Brother Colonel Claude Cane, Deputy Grand Master.

The Grand Master being in Ceylon, the address on the 27th December, 1927, was given by D.G.M. Cane, who read a cable from the Earl of Donoughmore, who is on Imperial duty. He acknowledges great help given him by the staffs of the Grand Secretary and the officers of Benevolent Institutions—Ireland's jewels. He pays a fine eulogy to the remembrance of Bro. Robert Macalister, a man of rare attainments, of whom he says:

He had a deep fund of Masonic lore. He knew by heart the Ritual of our Grand Lodge, and not only its Ritual, but many Rituals of the other bodies, which, if not absolutely recognised by Grand Lodge, are in friendship with it under the same roof. There was not one of them in which Dr. Macalister was not a master, and he was always able and willing, in his own simple, kind way, to impart his knowledge to anybody else who was seeking for it.

In list of Obituaries is the following:

Colonel James Butler, better known as Butler Pasha, who was only recently installed a Provincial Grand Officer of the South-Eastern Counties. He was a very distinguished official in Egypt for many years, and served as Governor of one of the Provinces, and when he settled down in Ireland he was hailed as a great acquisition to our ranks. He has been claimed and taken from us.

He thus speaks of the meeting of that great trinity the representatives of the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland:

For friendly discussion, and we came to an agreement with regard to the Initiation and receiving into the Order in each jurisdiction of members resident in the other two, with the greatest accord.

It is a very far-reaching agreement, and a most valuable one, and when it is presented to you, you will see it is one which is calculated to prevent any cause of offence, or any stumbling

block ever arising between the three Sister Grand Lodges. Not only was it of importance to these three Sister Grand Lodges, but it was of importance to Masonry in the world in general, that the three Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland—who are the three Mother Grand Lodges of the world—should be in the most absolute and perfect accord. Therefore, every step in this direction is not only a step for our own benefit but a step for world-wide Masonry.

On the day following that Conference we were privileged to witness one of the most magnificent Masonic ceremonies that has ever, I suppose, been held in the world; and that was the laying of the foundation stone of the new building which English Masons are raising to the memory of those Brethren who gave their lives for their country.

It was a most wonderful and inspiring sight to see that great Albert Hall packed with nearly ten thousand Brethren, all in Masonic clothing. His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught performed the ceremony of laying the model foundation stone, with that dignity and that fulness of ceremonial of which we know he is a Master, and the Grand Lodge of England carries out so well; while at the same time, two miles away, the actual foundation stone was being laid by means of an electrical communication, by the touching of a button by His Royal Highness in the Albert Hall. And still more marvellous, a moment or so after the model stone had been laid in the Albert Hall and speeches had been made—not very long speeches, because I do not think any of us spoke for more than five minutes—by myself, by Lord Blythswood and by the Grand Master of New York—the doors opened, and the deputation which had actually been engaged in Great Queen Street, two miles away, laying the actual stone, entered and announced that the ceremony had been done in reality. It was one of the marvels of the twentieth century that one finds hard to believe in unless one sees it; but a way had been made for them to come two miles in seven or eight minutes through the crowded streets of London.

Grand Lodge met at Cork and were received with great enthusiasm there.

Of an old lodge ever young, he says:

Lodge 2 is an old lodge, a very old lodge, 200 years at least, but it shows no sign of senility or debility at all yet. From the enthusiasm it showed during this celebration it might be called a child.

Of the Benevolent Institutions he reports:

We should never be satisfied with what we have done. We should always be trying to do a little better next year. The two Schools have done well, both scholastically and in the field of sport.

Of the general state of Ireland and of the Craft he spoke thus:

Before I sit down, may I say a few words about the future. I said some years ago, when things looked their blackest, that I was an optimist, and that I refused to be a pessimist. Our beloved country is slowly emerging from the dark chaos which threatened to overwhelm it not very long ago. It is a slow process, and we cannot say that everything is exactly as we should wish it to be yet, but we have here a government which has been sympathetic to us, and has recognised that we are a force of law and order if we are anything at all, and we can see that the spirit of intolerance and unfairness, and all that, which pervaded all ranks in Ireland, is considerably softened and mitigated at the present day. You must all remember that we cannot interfere as a body in politics, but we must, as our bounden duty, do our best as citizens of that State in which we live to restore a feeling of mutual confiedence, to act for the stability of that State, and for the welfare of our country and society in general. That is one of the first and greatest duties of every Mason who we receive into the Order.

Grand Secretary Shellard gives a most comprehensive report.

Our friend R.W. Bro. J. H. Sterling, P.G.L. Antrim, well known in Canada, says in the report of his District:

The Prov. Grand Secretary has been giving special attention to the tenure and the title deeds of Halls in this Province, with a view to vesting them more securely as permanent Masonic trusts, and much good work has been done in this direction.

Of Fermanagh:

Our Benevolent Institutions have benefited by various Church Services which have kept this most important branch of our work in a prominent position before our Members.

From South Africa:

We have had a very successful year, and the greatest harmony prevails among our own Members as well as with the B.B. of the Sister Constitutions in the Province.

Brother His Grace the Lord Primate of all Ireland preached in Mariners Church, Kingstown, a wonderful sermon from which the following are extracts:

Taking as his text the words "To every man his work," the Primate said that the great Lord and Master, the great Master Builder appointed to every one of them a task, some work to be done in their lifetime. Taking humanity as a whole they would see that God had so placed them that they should work if they were to live.

God was a worker, and His work of creation was always going on.

Proceeding, he referred to the discovery of the laws of nature.

God was always at work in the world. He was not remote, aloof in some far-off heaven. He was close at hand, working within, around, never ceasing, never failing.

Sometimes ignorant attacks are made upon Masonry.

In my experience, concluded the Primate, you will find among the Masons a very large proportion of those whose lives and doings are for the benefit of the whole community—men who do not limit their good works to any select circle, but devote themselves with all their hearts to the public good.

The School choir obtained 367 marks out of a possible 400 that is, over 90%. There are 105 girls and 103 boys in their respective Schools.

Then follows a list of lodges with the amounts paid by each during the year, ending with Seaforde No. 1009, and totalling £9216.

M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, K.C., represents Ireland.

KANSAS

M.W. Charles N. Fowler, Grand Master.

The Seventy-second Annual Communication convened in the Hall of Representatives, State Capitol, Topeka, 22nd February, 1928.

The comely features of Grand Master Fowler form the frontispiece of the large volume.

The Grand Chaplain delivered the opening invocation:

We beseech Thee to defend our land from the secret power and open shame of great national sins; from dishonesty and civic corruption.

Let the light of Thy presence fall upon our pathway. Even now may we behold Thy strength and beauty. Keep us from every form of vanity and pride. Deliver us from the lust of display. May we be more concerned to be honored of God than of men.

12 Past Grand Masters made pleasure a duty and duty a pleasure.

Canada's Grand Representative did not answer Roll Call.

From the Grand Master's address we make these selections:

It is not my purpose to speak of the origin or great antiquity of this age-old institution. The fact that it has existed for so many centuries does not interest us so much as do the reasons for its existence. What concerns us most of all is its future and how long will it continue.

Masonry has no creed.

Masonry is not a religion but is distinctly religious.

The breakers are just ahead. The trend of Masonry is toward those things that do not concern Masonry; the turning aside from the original plan of Masonry, the sponsoring of outside organizations which presume to build on the Masonic institution.

It is almost astounding to note in some jurisdictions the trend away from the original plan of Masonry.

Two Past Grand Masters having died during the year this record is made:

The designs upon the trestle board of their lives were completed. The Master said, "Come thou faithful servant."

And heeding His summons, they wrapped the drapery of their couch about them and lay down to pleasant dreams.

Nine cornerstones were laid.

After a survey of Lodges the G.M. found it necessary to give this word of caution, which applies to all:

Masters of all lodges should inform themselves as to how funds are handled and if not in accordance with the law it is their duty to see that they are, even to reporting any violations to the Grand Master when necessary.

Among his rulings is this:

While our Grand Lodge does not authorize the issuance of a so-called dimit to Entered Apprentices or Fellow Crafts, such a dimit partakes of the nature of a "Waiver of Jurisdiction", which comes within the province of our law.

A letter having been written by a Worshipful Master insolent in tone, he will be duly tried for contempt; the G.M. makes this comment:

Individuals will come and go, but the dignified position of Grand Master will remain and that position must be treated with courtesy by all Master Masons.

Dissension having arisen in a lodge the charter was arrested, the G.M. saying:

It was the hope that all differences were settled and forever forgotten, but, alas, it was not to be. Early in the year trouble broke out anew. Faith is lost in sight, hope ended in disappointment, the patience of the Grand Master became exhausted.

Another charter was also arrested and Grand Lodge assumed the debts and took over the properties.

He speaks with no uncertain sound as to the abuse of the name of Masonry:

The usual requests for recognition have been received from outside organizations predicating their membership, either directly or indirectly, on Ancient Craft Masonry, and likewise requests from business enterprises for recommendation and authority to solicit among the membership of our lodges.

It has been a long established custom and policy of our Grand Lodge not to recognize extraneous organizations, or recommend anything of a business or commercial character whatever.

Of trial commissioners and laws he says:

It should be the policy of the Grand Lodge to carefully analyze any proposed changes or amendments in the law to the end that it may not become top-heavy and littered with that well developed and well known disease, "too much law".

Testimony of the profane in a Masonic court must of necessity be voluntary, and a witness not a Mason cannot be forced to submit to cross-examination.

Under D.D.G.M's whom he praises, he well says:

He is a poor Mason and has no conception of the real purposes of Masonry who does not love God, his country, his home, his lodge and his neighbor. The latter includes, not only our brethren of the Mystic Tie.

As to poor attendance at District meetings he thus spurs the brethren:

Notice is given long enough in advance to allow each officer to be relieved from his regular duties in order that "Masonry might not interfere with his necessary vocations". I am of the opinion there is not an officer in any lodge in Kansas who could not arrange to be absent from his regular vocation for a half-day were he to make an earnest endeavor to do so.

A blanket bond covering all lodges to the amount of $450,000 was issued and a schedule prepared showing amount proportioned to each lodge. This is something new.

In speaking of special addresses he voices all our wishes:

Give us more Masonic students and less of those who merely desire to display the insignia.

He discountenances special Degree teams, adding:

Investigation also leads to the conclusion that a large majority of these organized teams, while possibly not openly so, are indirectly used for the purpose of propaganda for either the York or Scottish Rite, and the rivalry in some locations is quite pronounced. All of which, is contrary to the purpose and intent of the law as well as the established customs and dignity of symbolic Masonry.

A new Isolation Hospital is planned for the Home, of which grand institution he further speaks thus:

The one bright spot in the lives of the old members of our Home is the thought that those of our great organization, who are more fortunate than they, have not forsaken them when they are old and dependent.

There are at present 140 old people and 127 children on the rolls, a total of 267. Can we realize what is being accomplished?

We must begin now to plan for new buildings.

It can be done; it will be done; it must be done, and the Masons of Kansas will do it.

We build a Home for Masonry
With other men in mind;
We do not build for you and me,

We build for all mankind.
We build a Home!—remember men
Build not for Now, but build for Then,
And other men who walk the way
Shall see the home we build to-day.

Who builds a Home for Masonry,
Though small or great his part,
However hard the task may be,
May toil with singing heart,
For it is something, after all,
When muscles tire and shadows fall,
To know that other men shall bless
The builder for his faithfulness.

This from his eloquent conclusion:

What mysterious tie binds us together in this great Brotherhood? One writer has said "perhaps it is a golden strand from the great cable-tow of God, running from heart to heart, a cable-tow that will eventually encircle the globe."

Membership 83,401. Net gain 1,236.

The Librarian, who is also the veteran Grand Secretary, reported many additions to the library and museum.

The oration of Bro. Bowers, President of Wesleyan University, on the Permanence of Masonry was a worth while and searching address:

In view of the unrest in almost every phase of the organized social iconoclast and the destructive influences of present-day criticism, which threatens the most sacred of our institutions including the church and the home, I have felt that it would be well for us as Masons to look once more to the foundations of our Order.

In the first place I believe Masonry defies the destructive changes of time and is guaranteed a permanent place in human life because the tenets of its philosophical creed in interpreting life satisfy certain fundamental hungers of the human soul which do not change with the passing years.

We really know but little if anything about immortality yet we believe in it. We can't scientifically prove it; neither can it be disproved, and without doubt there is more evidence in nature for it than there is against it. Certainly human reason and our instinctive sense of justice demand it. If the grave ends all for two individuals whose lives are as diametrically opposite in motive and conduct as those of Nero and Paul, then the universe is evidently unjust.

It is not enough that a member of society be intelligent and free.

There are two freedoms, said Kingsley, the false, where man is left free to do as he likes; the true, where a man is free to do what he ought.

At the evening session a special address to be delivered during the year at District meetings and afterwards in the lodges, was read on the inspiring subject the "Spirit of Masonry" from which we make a few choice selections:

It is to the task of bringing peace that Masonry should now dedicate itself. The philosophy of the Fraternity should become active. There has been enough of teaching and preaching and now there should be the putting in action the vital principles of Masonry.

There is a liberty that is designated as liberty under law. That is the order in Masonry. Every Mason is accorded the largest liberty consistent with the rights of his fellows.

The Committee on Correspondence with regard to Vienna report that while in the collection of data regarding the Grand Lodges of Europe no Jurisdiction has such a fund of information as New York which recognized Vienna, yet:

While the Grand Lodge of Vienna conforms substantially to all the requirements of our Grand Lodge regarding recognition, yet in view of the fact that it is, as it were, a child of a Grand Lodge not recognized by our Grand Lodge, your committee are of the opinion that fraternal recognition should not be extended.

A schism having arisen in Egypt the Committee recommend that fraternal relations be denied.

Albert K. Wilson, Grand Secretary, retired and was unanimously elected Grand Secretary Emeritus. A characteristic picture of this all round Mason is published with the Proceedings and at the end of his address to Grand Lodge this record is made:

At the conclusion of the Grand Secretary's remarks there was profound silence, and the dimmed eyes of the brethren bespoke the kindly feeling for the one who had endeavored for nearly half century to counsel them aright, assist them in a better understanding of the under-lying principles of Masonry, and who at all times and on all occasions defended our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity from imposition, and who sought by words as well as deeds to follow in the footsteps of the fathers.

R.W. Bro. R. H. Spencer of Trenton, represents Kansas.

The Association of Past Grand Masters flourishes.

Albert K. Wilson, Chairman of Reviews, is strong on statistical tables. He points out that the net gain in the United States is over 29,000 less than a year ago, and thus sums up:

We believe, however, that while we are naturally drifting to a normal condition, yet with the increase in population in this country the showing should be better, and as indicated by the writer one year ago we believe that in a measure the present condition is largely due to a lack of interest on the part of our votaries, which is manifested through attendance at the Communications of the lodges. There is, of course, to be taken into

consideration the importuning of new members to become members of some of the other organizations presuming to predicate their membership on Ancient Craft Masonry, even to the extent of soliciting them before they have received all three degrees, which naturally detracts from the interest in Ancient Craft Masonry. Such practice is reprehensible and a continuance of the same will no doubt, in the course of time, compel Grand Lodges to exercise their inherent right to protect the Masonic affiliation of their members.

He is unalterably and inflexibly opposed to any form of dual or plural membership (natural to a Grand Secretary) chiefly on the ground of inaccuracy of total membership returns.

It is also stated that the supreme Masonic authority has no control over clubs and the like, which is not correct as the Masonic scholar well knows that Grand Lodge possess the inherent right to govern and control the Masonic affiliation of members.

He dismisses the Conference of Grand Masters with a comparison to some of the more contagious diseases and concludes:

The foregoing is submitted as conclusive evidence that this Conference is tending more and more annually to a supreme or sovereign Grand Lodge.

This would appear to be a bogey of several Grand Jurisdictions but the great majority praise the good work done and the evidence of unity therein expressed.

He does not like any Brother near the royal throne and under Canada he objects to our "discrimination" in special receptions. He quotes the rulings of our Grand Master with pleasure and interest. He believes the G.M's remarks on candidates are timely and good. He approves his reference to the charges in the First Degree in the following words:

Referring to the "Charges to the Candidate in the First Degree" we cannot refrain from quoting his words, knowing full well they will be enjoyed by those who are fortunate enough to read this portion of our report:

He quotes largely from the Committee on the Condition of Masonry. He agrees to disagree with us in friendly fashion saying:

We note in his comments that he does not agree with the writer in his views and opinions concerning the so-called Masonic Service Association. We do not mean to be cruel but will ony call Brother Ponton's attention to the trend of this organization and the fact that many of the Grand Lodges which sponsored the same have now withdrawn—even Iowa—which jurisdiction alone created this so-called *service* association.

Brother Ponton also feels that our views on the question of physical qualifications are somewhat narrow, to which we must take exception, as our Grand Lodge always has adhered strictly

to the Fundamentals of Freemasonry based on the Ancient Charges and Landmarks of the Fraternity. We are therefore at a loss to understand his views in classing us as "narrow".

KENTUCKY

Charles Silverthorn Rankins, M.W. Grand Master.

Well executed portraits of the Grand Master and Grand Master-elect and the other Executive Officers of Grand Lodge adorn Kentucky's Proceedings.

From the biography of Bro. Rankins we take this summary of his life and duties:

> To live as gently as I can;
> To be, no matter where, a man;
> To take what comes of good or ill
> And cling to faith and honor still;
> To do my best and let that stand
> The record of my brain and hand;
> And then should failure come to me,
> Still work and hope for victory.

The One Hundred and twenty-seventh Communication was held in Louisville, October 18, 1927. The record number of Past Grand Masters of any Grand Jurisdiction that we have reviewed, namely, 23 must have stirred the Brethren present and linked up the past and future.

The note of the Grand Master's address was Sincerity. He said:

I believe the best way we can pay a debt of gratitude to Masonry for being permitted to have our names carried on its roster is by being sincere in our efforts to abide by its teachings.

We can scarcely believe that even the charm of Kentucky Tobacco could have persuaded Brethren to smoke in the consecrated Temple, yet the Grand Master found it necessary to issue the following edict:

It is a fact that a number of lodges permit smoking during lodge sessions and during conference of degrees.

Smoking in the lodge room while lodge is in business session or during the conference of degrees, should not be permitted, as it debases the dignity and has a tendency to convert the lodge into a club, instead of keeping it on the high plane of solemnity that it should.

Co-Masonry having made its appearance in Louisville it was declared to be clandestine and Kentucky Masons are prohibited from having any intercourse with it or recognizing it in any way.

Feeling that an injustice had been done in a trial by a lodge, he asked for copy of charges, specifications and transcript. These he ultimately received but only after threat of

arrest of charter for insubordination. The papers proved conclusively, as he had surmised, that defendant had not been given an opportunity to defend himself and of course the matter went to the Committee on Appeals.

Among his opinions we find the following regarding the hearing of a witness who had testified and then put in an affidavit contradicting the testimony she had given. The Committee inspected the affidavit and closed the case. This is the ruling.

Question: Did the committee have a right to submit the affidavit as evidence in the case without giving the prosecution a chance to question the witness?

Answer: No.

Question: Did the committee have a right to make ruling not to go back beyond five years to take testimony?

Answer: No.

Kentucky's assessment for Benevolence has been resisted by some of the members but Grand Lodge is firm in enforcing its right:

Question: Can members who have paid lodge dues in advance be suspended for non-payment of the assessment?

Answer: Yes. Do so in same manner you would for non-payment of dues.

With regard to trials, the Grand Master says (and the opinion appears to be quite general in favor of trial by commission:)

I heartily recommend that a trial committee be approved by this Grand Body and that the manner of conducting it be left to the Grand Lodge.

As to his voluminous correspondence he thus protests:

Quite a number seem to have lost sight of the fact that the Grand Master cannot remit dues or assessments, neither can he go beyond the law as quoted in the constitution.

He thus concludes:

As to the Home Journal "When a better Masonic paper is printed, Brother Moore and Brother Swimme will print it." This may also be said as to the courtesy each of them has shown me on numerous occasions.

So should I give credit to the Educational Committee who are working so devotedly to their tasks and doing so much good where it is especially needed, when the children are about to go out into the world upon their own initiative.

Number of lodges 596, membership 65,235. Free members 1003.

The new Masonic Widow's and Orphans' Home was dedicated by Grand Lodge with fine ceremony.

The Jurisprudence Committee reported:

The lodges should honestly determine whether or not the maim or defect is such as to disqualify the candidate under the

letter and spirit of the law, and should receive none whose qualifications do not conform thereto, but the lodge remains the "sole judge" in each instance.

The Million Dollar Committe reported valid subscriptions of over $963,043 certainly a creditable showing.

Bro. Fred. Acker represents Canada. Bro. Charles J. Hamilton represents Kentucky.

M.W. Bro. William W. Clark again superintends the fine Correspondence Review and his portrait indicates a keen mind and ripe experience.

He quotes M.W. Bro. Rowland's decisions as being of general interest to the Craft and he cites also his whole conclusion as "wholesome observations with which the Grand Master concluded his splendid address."

From the report on the Condition of Masonry he culls an "excellent and impelling" paragraph. He kindly approves of our prelude and says that he never turns to one of our reports without "a feeling of inadequancy: "we wish we could do it," he says.

Under Delaware we find:

He recommended that each lodge present to each candidate raised a copy of the Holy Bible. An admirable suggestion. On the recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence, the recommendation was approved "with the understanding that this is advisory and not mandatory."

Wyoming has this comment:

There are two things that in Kentucky a lodge may lawfully do on the Sabbath day. One of them is to attend divine service, the other is to bury the dead. In neither instance is a dispensation from the Grand Master necessary. We are simply noting the difference in the laws of the two jurisdictions.

Striking and beautiful pictures of the entrances to the two Masonic Homes not merely adorn the Proceedings but stimulate others to go and do likewise, and we trust that it will not be many years before Canada in Ontario will follow the example set by nearly all the Grand Jurisdictions of the world.

MAINE

M.W. Brother David L. Wilson, Grand Master.

The One Hundred and eighth Annual Communication was held at Portland, May 3rd, 1927, six of the eight living Past Grand Masters were present.

As usual, the written greetings of our own R.W. Bro. J. B. Way, their Grand Representative, were featured at the opening and ordered to be a matter of record. We wish all Grand Representatives could find this will and this way.

Canada was represented by Bro. James Abernethy, a name with a fine Scotch flavor.

From the able address of the Grand Master we make these selections:

We are met to observe wherein we have builded, and how well, and to plan for new efforts at the construction of our Masonic edifice.

It takes more than the privilege to wear the lambskin, or an emblem on the coat lapel to make a Mason, and our lodges are well rid of the men whose interest has been so lax as to bring about their suspension. When the pruning process has been done thoroughly, the vine produces better results.

He reports the membership as 43,749, net increase 264.

As to the status of men who had received two Degrees in Masonry in Italy he ruled:

They had desired to have the third degree conferred here. I replied: since this Grand Lodge has never had any fraternal relations with any Grand Lodge of Masons in Italy, or ever recognized as Masonry anything done by any so-called Grand Lodge of Italy, the only thing such individuals could do would be to make application for all the degrees, stating in the applications just what were the facts of the case.

He ruled also that a lodge cannot co-operate in a town drive for a community chest but added:

As individuals, Masons ought to be ready to help in all good works in the community.

With regard to an automobile accident which resulted in the death of a woman through the driving of a Brother who had been travelling in a foreign Country, on a request to intervene, the Grand Master firmly ruled:

I can conceive of nothing that would be any more detrimental to our Fraternity, than to have the impression prevail that the Craft could or would exert any such unwholesome influence. Maonry does not stand for any attempt at interference with the law of the land, or for any effort to exert an influence to bring about a favorable decision for anyone involved in dealings with that law. We must never make of Masonry even the slightest attempt to influence the deliberations of the courts of the land, and if any of our brethren have any thought whatever that the Craft may be used for any such purpose, the sooner their minds are disabused of the idea, the better it will be for them and for the Fraternity.

Another of his many rulings was that the Order of Rainbow Girls bears no relation whatever to Freemasonry and the funds of a lodge cannot be used for their purposes.

On the question of visitation he rules:

He wants the privileges of the Craft without bearing his share of the financial obligations. Every brother ought to belong to a lodge, and be subject to its by-laws. And if, after a reasonable time, he does not make application for affiliation with another lodge, but continues unattached while still

seeking the privileges of our meetings, he should be denied that privilege by a brother making objection.

He definitely set his face against Eastern Star card parties in Masonic Halls.

As to New Mexico and Tuberculosis he says:

I do not think we ought to assume the responsibilities of membership in this organization, yet I realize that the problem of the brethren in New Mexico is great, arising as it does out of the influx of tubercular brethren in that favorable climate.

The Grand Secretary, Charles B. Davis, gave an interesting report:

Perhaps the best analysis of the losses would be to assume that they have come largely from lodges where lax collection of dues has permitted a long list of delinquents to accumulate, be they of city or country, and now with the increased per capita the non-paying deadwood is being removed.

Bro. Ashley A. Smith reported on Fraternal Correspondence (see later) and also on fraternal recognition, and ably analyzed the whole position, giving the essentials which all Grand Jurisdictions must meet in Maine, and who must everywhere be "under the tongue of good report", and thus sums up the conclusion of his Committee:

For at least one, and often two or more reasons as outlined above, your Committee on Correspondence has been constrained to defer, or frankly deny several requests for fraternal recognition which have been submitted to us. Because of the delicacy of the denial in some instances, the Committee has deemed it advisable and even Masonically courteous to make no specific references in this respect.

The Committee on the Condition of the Fraternity report:

Charity seems to take second place with amusements and suppers. Very few of the lodges have a charity fund.

A great many lodges report that those who receive no financial aid are not visited in their sickness. A lodge is what the members make it. All in sickness and distress should receive the cheer and consolation of the officers and members of the lodge.

Several of the Deputy Grand Masters report too much action in the working of the degrees. Is the work being performed for the benefit of the candidate or the audience?

The report on Correspondence by Bro. Ashley A. Smith is again a thing of substance and a joy forever. His foreword rings true.

He is a free man and a Freemason whom the truth makes free:

Is it not emblazoned on our banners and is it not a basic teaching of every Masonic degree—"Magna est Veritas et prevalebit"? Are not the annals of history its indubitable evidence? That royal Prince of the House of Judah, who of

old engaged in that memorable controversy in the Persian palace respecting the relative power of Wine, the King and the Influence of Woman, yet asserts, making an important addition to the question, that the force of these things is not to be denied, but above all other things "Truth beareth away the victory." So eloquent and convincing is Zerubbabel's discourse that it is recorded that the princes of that Court arose and exclaimed with one voice "Great is Truth and mighty above all things". The Persian King himself bowed before that degree and, with uncovered head, exclaimed "Blessed be the God of Truth".

In every age and in every clime it has vindicated its purity and demonstrated that its foundations are upon no shifting sands, but mortised and tenoned, by the Masonry of the ages, in the granite foundations of Truth.

Freemasonry has existed wherever civilization has exerted its emancipating influence. It is much to be doubted if there is a civilized country in the world that has not its Masonic altars.

The earliest recorded instance of opposition by a secular European government was in the year 1425, in the third year of the reign of Henry VI of England, when it was decreed that Masons (this of course means our early operative brethren) should "not confederate in Chapters and congregations". It is I believe the only opposition on the part of the English government to the institution, and even this was never executed and soon fell into disrepute. England has always been friendly to Freemasons and its greatest monarchs have been patrons of the Institution.

Of the Papal Bull of Pope Clement XII in 1738 of which he interestingly copies part, he speaks of the result as follows:

But human nature is much the same in all lands and nations, and so arbitrary and unjust a decree met with the opposition and neglect which it obviously deserved. It is on record that the Parliament of Paris obstinately and courageously refused to enroll it.

There was a Protestant anti-Masonic party in 1830 whose platform is thus out-lined:

The object of this Party, in nominating and electing candidates for the Presidency and Vice-Presidency, is to deprive Masonry of the support which it derives from the power and patronage of the executive branch of the United States Government. To effect this object will require that candidates besides possessing the talents and virtues requisite for such exalted stations, be known as men decidedly opposed to secret societies. That declaration was nobly met and repudiated by the people.

Showing that attacks do not necessarily, or nowadays even usually, come from those who do not profess the Protestant faith. He thus inspiringly concludes:

Out of the unflinching courage and undaunted heroism of our operative brethren of the middle ages the light of Liberty was kept burning in an age of despotism, the torch of Truth held aloft in an age of bigotry, the fires of faith kept aglow which animated and inspired the soul of ancient Freemasonry.

It is ours to bear the torch to nobler heights and larger victories.

He declines a challenge to contrvoersy with Bro. DeWolfe Smith under British Columbia, saying:

We follow our law, and British Columbia follows their's, and everybody ought to be happy, and certainly two men by the name of Smith are not going to haggle and pettily debate any such question, such picayune controversy is foreign to the ancient and honorable name of Smith anyhow, so here the question drops!

Under Canada he speaks thus of their mainstay among Grand Representatives:

Grand Representatives of twenty Jurisdictions, including R.W. Bro. J. B. Way, for Maine. Maine can always count on Brother Way's presence, and that is precisely the kind and quality of Grand Representative that Maine likes to have as our official nuncio in Ontario.

And he thus introduces our Grand Representative:

We take this opportunity to assure the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Ontario that Brother Abernethy will be a credit to Ontario, as he has long been one of our most earnest and devoted Craftsmen in Maine. The affairs of Ontario, near this Grand Lodge of Maine, are in entirely competent hands.

Of one of our activities he says:

In benevolence Ontario paid out something over one hundred thousand dollars, which indicates something of the real spirit of the fraternity whih is dominant there.

Maine has shortened the reports of District Deputies by giving a series of printed questions to be answered by each: a great improvement on the old way they find it, besides giving a vital knowledge of the things that we want to know officially. Everyone seems satisfied. Then Toronto gets a word of personal praise of which they should be proud:

The City of Toronto. As this Maine Correspondent has visited this noblest City of Canada, as we believe it to be, he can now understand something of the reason for its high standing and exalted atmosphere, with four Masonic Districts spreading the Light of Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love.

He agrees with us as to deferring recognition of some Grand Lodges and Grand Orients, enumerating them and adding this comment:

With the large majority of these alleged Grand Lodges we can think of no better counsel than the last line of Milton's poem "On His Blindness," "They also serve who only stand and wait."

We glow with pleasure as we read his more than generous appreciation of our review. We cannot resist sharing with our Canadian younger Brethren the following from his brotherly eulogium:

It is not only a gem of good English, but it expresses in brief space what has haunted every reviewer, and what we have found it difficult to say.

Our Sixth Communication is given six gleaming pages of this review. He refers to the reading of our Grand Representative's letter, which reading we recall as we caught something of the flavor of Brother J. B. Way's personality. Better than his letter, will be the "living word" of his personal presence sometime, and it can't happen too soon.

Well, what an enjoyable evening we have had with Ontario; we rise from its reading, and perchance there is in it the hallowed sacramental power of real fraternity, even though a kind of shadowy boundary line is supposed to mark our Canadian and American territories, while nothing of the kind can separate Masonic realities exemplified in our symbols and taught in our familiar precepts.

Under the able and enthusiastic review of Iowa we find:

"So much of the truth do I know as I have lived." Which is just as true of Masonry, as anything else. What is best of all, the Man back of the words. A full page photograph of Brother Block faces the report and when we looked at it as old Walt would say "long and long" the familiar words of the old English Prayer Book flashed into our mind, and we said of that photograph—"the outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace."

One paragraph from his final review of Wyoming must close, though we are much tempted to quote more of this excellent interpreter:

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence makes a telling point about all "dictatorships," especially citing Italy, Hungary, and Bulgaria, and averring that whenever and wherever an autocratic dictator has dominated a country, freemasonry has been abolished. It is probably also historically true that every dictator has sooner or later "ridden to a fall," and involved his country in revolution and often in ruin.

MANITOBA

M. W. Brother J. C. Walker Reid, Grand Master.

A Special Communication of Grand Lodge was held for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of Reston High School when, addresses were given by the Grand Master and R.W. Bro.

Andrew B. Baird, P.G.M., a personal friend and a college comrade of this Reviewer.

The Fifty-second Annual was held in Winnipeg, June 8, 1927, Canada being represented by the Grand Master himself. No less than 15 Past Grand Masters answered to the Roll Call of honour and reported for duty.

In his address the Grand Master said:

This one more year forms one more link forged in the ever lengthening and ever strengthening chain which binds us together more firmly as we grow older in Masonry, and binds us together too, year by year, in greater numbers.

The past year has been one of prosperity in our country and in our Jurisdiction, and we pray that the storm cloud which threatens the peace of so many nations may be dispersed. The world has seen too much of war in recent years and earnestly desires the peace and unity which Freemasonry teaches.

Shortly after coming into office I had the pleasure of attending the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, at Fort William. We were heartily welcomed and found much to interest us in their proceedings.

I find, as other Grand Masters have found, that in some districts there is still a tendency to select D.D.G.M's from the lodges of the district by rotation. The brother best qualified for the position in each district is the proper one to select, to choose otherwise than in that way cannot but be to the disadvantage, not only of that district, but of Freemasonry. A Grand Master must depend to a great extent on the advice of the brethren of each district in the matter of appointing those important officers. If those officers are efficient they are a great influence for good, but if they are not, the Craft suffers.

I find that interchanges of visits by lodges are frequent. This is as it should be, and the fact that some of the brethren of the City lodges make a point of visiting such of the lodges as are beyond the limits of those two districts, but are within reasonably reach by train or car, is a very pleasing one.

The Benevolent Fund of Grand Lodge has now reached the fine total of $189,000.

Letters and telegrams from this Reviewer and other members of the Craft were read.

The D.D.G.M's of the 12 Masonic Districts reported upon their activities.

As in Ontario, the Report on the Condition of Masonry is made a substantive feature.

The Committee on Foreign Relations report that the information furnished with the application of other Jurisdictions for recognition was not sufficient to warrant them in recommending any action.

The Jurisprudence Committee report generally on trials:

The provisions of the constitution were abundantly clear as to the procedure to be followed and there is no reason for such glaring irregularities.

The venerable but ever young and virile Grand Secretary, James A. Ovas makes his 27th Annual Report.

Membership 11,747. Increase 96.

Grand Chaplain Norquay delivered an eloquent address centering round the verse:

The old order changeth, yielding place to new,

And God fulfils Himself in many ways.

The Power that urges man forward to attempt the unknown is the same Power that keeps him from going back. He is the Great Taskmaster, and from His service there is no discharge.

More than thirty years ago in my first Indian mission the philosophy of the "Forward Trail" was very forcibly and uniquely brought before me.

"I never go back on a trail."

In our assemblies we have, I trust, drunk deep of those wells of moral and social verities, whose streams in the home, the market place and the commonwealth are for the cleansing, purifying and sustaining of all the activities and intimacies of life. In the deepest sense let the fathers show themselves companions to their sons, and may the mothers prove to be wise and truly affectionate guides and counsellors to their daughters.

R.W. Bro. Jabez Miller was elected Grand Master.

Frederick Cook of Ottawa, represents Manitoba with us.

A splendid Review of Foreign Jurisdictions prepared by M.W. Bro. James S. MacEwing, P.G.M. is preceded by an introduction full of fruitful suggestiveness from which we take the following:

Temperament, environment and custom all combine to make the majority of us look askance at what is unusual and incline us to approve that to which we have become accustomed.

In the following reviews difference in forms, also new methods suggested or adopted are referred to.

One of the joys and rewards of this work is the privilege and opportunity it affords of meeting in spirit through the printed word with such a galaxy of Masons as yearly sit in to the "Round Table". Men who seem to have caught the "vision splendid".

Generally speaking, the tone is optimistic and the hope expressed that it indicates a more solid advancement in the value of our fraternal assets than any mere adding machine tally.

One change noted with personal pleasure is the trend towards relaxing mandatory legislation.

The old adage "You may drive a horse to water but cannot make him drink" is still true.

Concordant bodies have evidently co-operated with Grand Lodges in restricting the active solicitation of our newly-made members. This burning question of a few years ago appears to have died out.

Clubs and kindergarten organizations continue to receive a few kind words here and there. However, with respect to the first, rumblings which indicate that familiarity may not always ripen into friendship are apparent.

The table is being spread in almost all Jurisdictions. Will we also have to go into the highways and by-ways for our guests?

Under Alabama we read this on a much discussed subject:

Replying to a question as to whether it was right or proper to have a prayer offered in lodge in the name of Christ or Jesus, he made this statement. Some Grand Chaplains offend in this respect, therefore I was pleased to note this definite reply from such a leader of Masonic thought:

"The only religious test required or allowed by the Grand Lodge of Alabama is a belief in Deity.

"Held that it is improper for the leader of the lodge in prayer to address the prayer of the Lodge or its invocations to any other than God or Deity."

This characterization of the British Columbia Reviewer agrees with many others:

The Reviewer, Bro. DeWolf-Smith, who is also Grand Secretary, is a law unto himself in matters Masonic. He has a master touch when it comes to sarcastic comment, a keen eye for the ridiculous.

Canada's friendly review thus opens:

As we open this volume the now familiar face of Bro. Rowland greets us. Just a little bit more stern looking than when he visited Manitoba last summer.

Of physical imperfections we read:

Physical imperfections debarring from membership are still a subject for much debate. The more conservative of us (which includes myself) are inclined to adhere to the old specifications. What I might term "Modernists" call to their assistance sentiment and "sob stuff". They argue "better a wooden leg than a wooden head", which might only be a reflection on the investigating committee.

Our Grand Master's address is described as a splendid and practical one ending with a beautiful thought. The Committee on the Condition of Masonry is praised and the picture of English Masonry contained there in is reproduced. Of our Review he generously says these encouraging words:

With a writer of such outstanding merit wielding the pen, the reading of his reviews is in themselves a liberal Masonic

education. If those in Ontario who are interested in Freemasonry do not read them I would imagine that any monies devoted to Masonic literature would be wasted.

A splendid review of the Masonic world is given by this Master Craftsman, of whom, to paraphrase Goldsmith, I might say:

And still I gaze and still my wonder grows,
That one small head can carry all he knows.

Under California he says:

We cannot too often emphasize the fact that Masonry is not in business, is not in politics and cannot connive at violations of law."

England affords this gentle touch:

Our Volstead brethren may grieve, but while the members were cautioned to observe an agreement made with the Home Secretary of 1902 that no spirituous liquors would be consumed within the Lodge room, no objection was registered to the use of such at Masonic banquets.

Under Queensland we read with interest:

Unattached brethren, or, as we usually term it, "Demitted Masons," when seeking to affiliate with a lodge in the ordinary way, have to submit to a character investigation. Queensland has now legislated that such brethren will not in the future escape a like scrutiny by signing the petition for the establishment of a new lodge. Certainly a step in the right direction.

South Carolina and Bro. Michie continentally known, afford the following:

It will never do to use Masonry as a weapon to fight anything. Masonry is not to divide men, but to help them to discover one another. There are three needs in America, as I see it and Masonry can do something no other organization can do to serve.

Our Brother closes with this from York of Mexico:

That their ways are not our ways is exemplified when he goes on to furnish figures relative to the membership in Chapters, Councils and Preceptories.

Much wisdom is uttered in one sentence, "The Grand Lodge should not be called upon to enact too many laws for the internal management of Constituent Lodges."

MARYLAND

Warren S. Seipp, M.W. Grand Master.

The first page of the Proceedings is occupied by an invitation on behalf of the Masonic Home in the following language:

For those who desire to bequeath any money or personal property or to devise any real estate to the Grand Lodge for the Charitable purpose of erecting and maintaining a Masonic Home for aged, destitue, disabled or dependent Masons of this

Jurisdiction and those in similiar condition having recognized claims on the Masonic Fraternity of Maryland, the following form for a clause in their Will is suggested.

I give, devise and bequeath, absolutely, unto and to the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Maryland, a body corporate for the Masonic Home Fund being accumulated by it.....

The semi-annual Communication was held in Baltimore, May 10, 1927, and the meeting was opened with due ceremonial:

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Warren S. Seipp accompanied by the Right Worshipful Grand Sword Bearer, was escorted into the Grand Lodge. His entrance was proclaimed by the Right Worshipfu! Grand Marshal, the Grand Honors were given, and the Most Worshipful Grand Master was conducted to the East.

The total receipts for the Masonic Home are over $168,000.

The Library Committee say:

The series of lectures illustrated with a Masoniscope which were added to the library equipment last fall have been in constant use during the winter months.

The Committee on Foreign Relations reported as follows:

The members of your Committee on Foreign Relations are convinced that the Grand Orient of the Netherlands is a regular Masonic Grand Lodge, governing itself according to the ancient customs and usages of Masonry.

Your Committee has considered requests for recognition from two organizations; but as our inquiries, intended to establish the regularity of these organizations, remain unanswered, we have no recommendations to offer.

As to Grand Orient of France or any lodge holding charter from same, we recommend that the Masons of Maryland be warned against visiting the American Lodge or any other lodge in France.

The Forty-first Annual Communication was held in Baltimore November 15th, 1927.

Canada's Grand Representative did not answer roll call.

From the Grand Master's brief address—the briefest on record—we take the following:

I have made quite a number of visitations, at which time degrees have been conferred and encouragement given to the lodges, which we feel has been very helpful to them; more of this work should be done so that the lodges may realize they are part of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

If the Masters and Secretaries of the lodges are active and wide awake, the lodge is bound to react to their energy.

Every lodge should so conduct its affairs that it will not be dependent upon money received from initiation fees to pay its expenses.

Extreme care should be taken to safeguard our portals. No man should be argued into Masonry. Committees should be urged to do their duty and told how to conduct themselves when appointed. A real Mason would never give tongue to an idle rumor without first verifying the truth of the statement, and in connection with our Fraternity, this one thing has caused no end of annoyance by the practice of certain individuals in trying to tell all that they knew, for he who tells all that he knows often tells more than he knows. Let your slogan be "Co-operation".

The Committee on Foreign Relations reported that they did not consider either France or Costa Rica as regularly organized and therefore recommended that recognition be refused.

Grand Master Seipp was re-elected.

M.W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, K.C., represents Maryland and Canada is represented by Bro. John Hiltz.

Bro. Henry Branch, P.S.G.W. submitted the annual Review, saying in his preamble:

There seems to be a great revival of interest on the subject of Education, a most encouraging prospect for those whose supreme idea is LIGHT.

He quotes the following from the District of Columbia:

Says the Grand Master: "One of the many splendid things about our Brotherhood and the one that heartens its devotees more, perhaps, than any other, is the time and attention that are so largely and cheerfully given its altruistic purposes.

Under England he notes this outstanding resolution:

That any private lodge, may, by unanimous vote of its Brethren, present and voting, at a regular meeting, after notice on the summons to every subscribing member, allow a Brother, or Brethren, of enemy country birth to resume his or their full membership" The Resolution was carried, amid applause, with three dissentients.

New York's Committee on Foreign Correspondence has this note:

Open minded reflection in connection with reading of the report herewith submitted cannot but strengthen our faith in the universality of Masonry, that its principles are adopted to every land and clime, and that never and nowhere does it have to yield.

From New Zealand he extracts this gem:

So, from day to day and strength to strength, you shall build up an edifice of which it shall not be said: 'see what manner of stones are here,' but "see what manner of men'.

This from far away Texas:

There are five things in a child's life that are absolutely essential if the child is to grow and develop normally. The first is Law, the second is Letters, the third is Labor, the fourth

is Leisure, but the fifth and most important was Love, and Love a child finds only in the Home.

Western Australia furnishes the following to Bro. Branch, who is a master of concentration:

Her peasantry to her was more than pageantry or power,
Purity was her woman's gem; her sweet soul craved no other,
She wore the triple Diadem, Queen, Wife and Mother.

It is interesting to note the wide discretion or difference in age required under different Constitutions, from eighteen to twenty-one. In America no person under the age of twenty-one can be admitted, on the Continent the prevailing age is twenty-five.

MASSACHUSETTS

M.W. Bro. Frank L. Simpson, Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. Frederick W. Hamilton, Grand Secretary.

Quarterly Communication was held in Boston, 9th March, 1927.

Among the prominent members whom we notice as regular in attendance at these Quarterly Meetings are such well known men and Masons as Melvin M. Johnson, Dudley H. Ferrell, Arthur D. Prince and Leon M. Abbott.

The Grand Master said in his address, which was largely devoted to the administration of the law:

As our law now stands, I do not feel at liberty, nor, indeed, authorized to submit committee reports or cause them to be submitted except in a Communication of the Grand Lodge.

If reinstatement of a suspended Brother is to be had, the Grand Lodge ought to know when that reinstatement takes place and, in my judgment, reinstatement ought to take place only by affirmative action of the Grand Lodge.

However the matter may be regarded by others, to us it is an alarming doctrine, that a suspended Brother, without any evidence of repentance or reformation, at the end of a stated period may return to his lodge, and claim as a right, which may not be denied him, his seat and privileges as a member in good and regular standing, even though he come straight from the Penitentiary! Such a principle is fraught with too many evils to be recognized in Masonic practice. Suspension is exclusion from the Institution; and reformation, not time, must govern the restoration.

The rule is consistent with the true theory of Masonic penalties which are not conceived of as punishment, but which are imposed because the continued connection of one guilty of Masonic offense is inconsistent with the welfare of our Institution.

Should the anticipated reformation be subsequently realized it may be confidently assumed that upon petition, the Grand Lodge will take such action as may be fitting and proper in the premises.

I feel constrained to report to the Grand Lodge the developments of a practice which is fraught with danger. I refer to the present practice under which requests for release of jurisdiction are made and granted over candidates not residing within the territorial jurisdiction of the lodges to which applications are made.

In many instances, no reasons are asked for by the lodges granting releases, and none given by the lodges requesting them; almost as frequently, no valid reason exists for the request. In a great many instances, no committee of investigation is appointed in the lodge to which the request is made.

Four bequests are gratefully acknowledged for the Home.

Under Benevolence the Grand Master says forcibly:

Moreover, I hope you will yourselves visit and will invite your Brethren to visit the Home as often as may be made convenient. Such a visit is not only a good thing for the Brother who makes it, but is good for our guests. I recently spent a day and two nights at the Home in Company with M.W. Brother Ferrell, and I came away refreshed in spirit and with a renewed conviction of the worth-while character of our Institution.

Under "Better Understanding" he writes:

The injunction to cause the Constitutions to be read in our lodges is not an empty phrase but is based upon a very real conception of the obligation we owe to our Brethren to see to it that the laws which they are bound to obey, shall be familiar to them.

He says of M.W. Bro. Blake that his life is woven into the warp and woof of Massachusetts Freemasonry so completely as a design is woven into cloth by the hand of the skilled workman.

As to Grand Lodge being supreme over constituent lodges and their By-laws the Grand Master said:

It is within the power of the Grand Lodge to alter, amend, or repeal a Lodge By-law at any time, or to adopt a law which contravenes a By-law, whether said By-law has been approved by Grand Lodge or not.

He pays this worthy tribute to the Grand Secretary.

He has given very generously of his time, his strength, and his talents, and has contributed to a very large degree to the interest and profit of the Brethren by addresses which have been as pleasing and entertaining as they have been learned and profound in their interpretation of the fundamental purpose and true objectives of Freemasonry.

He reported $5,000 remitted for flood relief by Grand Lodge and got authority to send $10,000 more if necessary (see post).

It having been discovered that a Brother had died years before his suspension, his suspension was declared null and void.

We find this verse under Ancient York Lodge:

Example sheds a genial ray
On life, which men are apt to borrow;
So first improve yourself to-day
And then improve your friends to-morrow.

And these under Merrimack Lodge, which celebrated its 125th Anniversary:

Father's Lodge has made a village; men of Father's sturdy brawn
Turned a wilderness to tillage, seized the flag and carried on.
Made a village, built a city, shaped a county, formed a state,
Simple men, not wise nor witty—humble men and yet how great.
Father's Lodge had caught the gleaming of the great Masonic past;
Thinking, toiling, daring, dreaming, they were builders to the last.
Quiet men, not rich nor clever, with the tools they found at hand
Building for the great forever, first a village, then a land.

Quarterly Communication held September 14, 1927.

As to revision of Ritual the G.M. said:

Consider whether some revision of our Ritual may not be advisable, and whether it is wise longer to continue as a part thereof, otherwise than by explanation, some portions which are not to be taken literally, and which may not now have vitality or even value, except for their historic significance.

What is in mind involves no innovation, but well might result in greater consistency without in any wise impairing the integrity of traditions.

The total contribution to the flood disaster made by Massachusetts Lodges, Chapters, Commanderies and Councils amount to the magnificent total of $39,985. Who can deny but that Massachusetts leads?

Several guests addressed Grand Lodge and of one it is said most instructively:

Wor. Bro. Frazar's address was of especial interest as it dealt largely with affairs in JAPAN, including the position of Freemasonry there and the attitude of the Japanese toward the United States. The Japanese law forbids the holding of any meeting to which the police may not have free access at any time. By a sort of "gentlemen's agreement," however, Masonic lodges of foreigners are not disturbed provided they do not admit Japanese as members. This agreement is faith-

fully kept on both sides. The lodges do not initiate Japanese, and there is no case of police attempting to enter a lodge.

Deputy Grand Master Arrington at the laying of the cornerstone of the new Temple at Plymouth delivered a most appropriate address which we would like to reproduce in full. He said:

On the one hand, its material aspects will enlist the attention in varying degrees, of those elements in the population numbered among the uninitiated. To the true Mason, mindful of virtues which have crystallized in dispensations for good of country and of humanity, the symbolism of the structure will assuredly yield its rich store. While the completed Temple will vivify those verities which enrich our professions.

In the rites just exmplified the Association known as "Ancient Free and Accepted Masons" stands wholly apart as the one distinctive body which thus strikingly links the present with the past.

The Masonic Fraternity obviously functions as an inheritor, so to speak, in filling roles which if undertaken by others would be wholly devoid of the significant identifications thus brought to your notice.

Quarterly Communication was held December 14th, 1927.

The occasion was Washington's Birthday.

He gave the membership returns as 123,425, a net loss of 335, and thus summarizes the lodges:

There are now three hundred and twenty-one lodges in this jurisdiction, namely, three hundred and three in Massachusetts, seven in the Canal Zone, eight in China, and three in Chile.

Seven Henry Price Medals were awarded under new regulations. This Reviewer prizes highly the privilege of wearing one of these Medals on all official occasions and remembers vividly when it was persented to him at the Grand Lodge by M.W. Bro. Melvin M. Johnston.

Referring to overseas Districts and China, the G.M. says:

Conditions in China have been very trying.

The records of the lodge were in the safe at the American Consulate and were left there when the foreigners were withdrawn from Nanking.

Speaking of the meeting of the Masonic Service Association which Massachusetts loyally supports, the G.M. says:

The meeting was characterized throughout by a warmth of fraternal feeling, an evident grasp of the essential purpose and meaning of Freemasonry, and a devotion to its principles which I have never seen equalled in any general gathering of the Craft which I have attended.

A presentation by Mrs. Whittall for the relief of suffering, in memory of her deceased husband, consists of nearly 100 acres one of the most beautiful residential estates in the com-

monwealth. A picture of the mansion reflected in the lake with its exquisite surroundings, adorns the Proceedings.

In his conclusion he courageously says:

That progress at times seems to be slow is but the evidence that it is sure, well grounded, and not based upon hasty conclusion or emotional enthusiasm.

The report of M.W. Bro. Dudley H. Ferrell for the Board of Masonic Relief, says that the Home this year was visited by 6,224, that the occupants are over the average age of 76.

M.W. Bro. Simpson was re-elected for a third year. His cultured and scholarly addresses appeal to all.

Grand Lodge celebrated the feast of St. John, December 27th, when the guests of Grand Lodge were numerous and their addresses most inspiring.

After the proclamation of the Grand Master we read:

The Grand Master arose and reverently made the ancient response:

May the Grand Architect of the Universe pour down His blessings on this Society, and enable us to discharge the great trust reposed in us to the honor of His name and of the Royal Art, and may there never be wanting such to fill the Chair who shall promote Masonry and the good of mankind so long as the world endureth. Amen.

And the Craftsmen responded, "So mote it be."

The Grand Master thus happily began his address at the Feast:

But while speaking of post-prandial ceremonies, I may remind you that after-dinner speaking is an art and not an exercise, nor a mere matter of administration; and I submit for your consideration, after your experiences of the past two years, the advisability of creating a new office in the Grand Lodge—that of Most Artistic and Entertaining Grand Toastmaster. I hasten to assure you that if you do, I shall choose not to be a candidate for that office. (Laughter.)

I say it is quite impossible to measure the usefulness of such an institution; but I invite to your attention, as a fair test of that usefulness, a consideration of the loss to the world if suddenly Freemasonry should be blotted out of existence.

Mayor Nichols of Boston, made a fine response:

I could not help but reflect that I did not approach Masonry from the point of view of politics, but I did approach Politics from the point of view of Masonry.

If ever there was a time, it seems to me, in history, when a steadfast and a steady view of public affairs was needed, it is to-day.

Follow the words of the great Thucydides who said that the works of men were not written in stone but written upon human hearts.

Then came a bright and happy speech from M.W. Bro. Solomon of Rhode Island, in which he humorously said, noting the play of names:

So, on rising I said, "Solomon, from Rhode Island," and spoke upon the question. Later on the Grand Master of Nebraska came over and said, "Did I understand you to say that you are Solomon, from Rhode Island?" I said "Yes". He said, "My name is Moses from Nebraska."

He approached one sentry and the sentry halted him and said, "Who goes there?" He said, "Lieutenant Moses". The sentry, being somewhat facetious, thought for a moment and said, "Well, advance, Moses, and give the ten commandments." (Laughter).

Some one else told me of an experience of one of the many wives of the famous old King Solomon. I believe it was Wife No. 777 who came to him one day and was very much worried as to her standing in the harem. She said to the king, "Oh king, do you love me?" The king replied, "You are one in a thousand...." (Laughter).

Bro. Grout of Vermont said:

I would remind you that the bigot in Masonry is as great a stumbling block as he is in religion.

We wish we could reproduce the whole flow of soul that characterizes the delightful Proceedings.

MICHIGAN

Charles A. Donaldson, M.W. Grand Master.

The biography and handsome features of George W. Graves, the new Grand Master, precede and adorn the Proceedings.

Michigan's Proceedings are rapidly approaching in volume those of Texas.

The Eighty-third Annual Communication was held in Grand Rapids, 24th May, 1927.

Grand Secretary Winsor, the dean of them all, introduced M.W. Bro. Rowland, and R.W. Bro. Logan to Grand Lodge in the following words:

We met with them at Port Arthur in the Province of Ontario. We had the time of our lives, and we are deeply grateful that you were not able to go but sent us.

At this time we have the happy pleasure of presenting to you two distinguished visitors who made our visit to the Grand Lodge of Canada so delightful.

To which the Grand Master added:

Brother Rowland, I will never forget the night I attended your Grand Lodge at its installation, and when you, as Most Worshipful Grand Master of that jurisdiction, welcomed me into that lodge. I will never forget that you called atten-

tion to the fact that I was escorted by a member of Parliament on one side and a customs officer on the other. You also reminded me of my Scotch descent and told me that if there was anything further I required that I should have no difficulty in finding anything that a Scotchman might require.

As in other cities, the City Manager is a Brother Mason and W. Bro. Locke as such, welcomed Grand Lodge as a body whose strong right arm is ever ready to be raised in the cause of justice, rational liberty and loyalty to the flag.

The response by P.G.M. Fead was striking:

Reformation, Brethren, is one of the most wonderful influences in the world. A drunkard who reforms usually becomes a prohibitionist; a burglar who reforms frequently becomes a preacher; and you have the satisfaction of knowing that every Worshipful Master who truly reforms may some day become a Grand Master.

There is another reason why we like to look to Grand Rapids: Somehow or other whenever I think of Grand Rapids, in a Masonic way, it seems to me that there spreads from it a great web reaching not only into every city and hamlet of this state, but all over the United States of America, up into that splendid land to the north of us, and even across to the lands beyond the sea, cords of sympathy stretch out like a great web all over this vast domain and reaching back to the great, fine, pulsating Masonic Heart of our beloved Grand Secretary Lou B. Winsor (Great Applause).

Bouquets innumerable from many sources were presented to the G.M. throughout the session, one after the other, a fragrant flood of flowers.

The roll of honour of Past Grand Masters who have accomplished their journey, was as usual read, and no less than 19 Past Grand Masters living and full of energy were present.

Canada was represented by M.E. Bro. Robert P. Anderson.

955 in all were in attendance.

The Grand Master's address has as its frontispiece his own fine features. He said:

We are representing a brotherhood of more than 150,000 Free and Accepted Masons. What we think, we think for them. What we do, we do for them. I hope that in that spirit, every representative will feel free to express himself, free to lay before this communication any thought or suggestion from which we may derive knowledge, inspiration and constructive guidance.

Furthermore, there is need of a mutual tie in American Masonry. We are not united in the sense that we owe allegiance to any sovereign on earth. Each state has its own jurisdiction. Somewhere we should have a meeting place. Somewhere there should be a sanctuary for all American Masons.

We are living in the most enlightened age in all the history of mankind. People are seeking knowledge as never before. The past is being opened up to us by the students of antiquity.

Man does not prize the things he receives lightly. Many of our brethren do not prize Masonry because they know so little about it.

One of his edicts has reference to another barnacle on the Craft as to which he says clearly and unmistakably as to the emblems assumed by them:

I am informed that an organization exists known as the "True Kindred", and understand the membership depends on one being a Master Mason in good standing. Also, one's wife, daughter and sister are eligible.

Any Master Mason using Masonic emblems in other than Masonic organizations as above defined, will be guilty of un-Masonic conduct and will be subject to all the penalties for that offense.

He condemns the use of printed ballots and has this to say regarding candidates who are known as politicians or Statesmen:

I therefore order that no publication of any kind sponsored, authorized or supervised by a constituent lodge or representative thereof in this Jurisdiction, shall hereafter carry in its reading matter or advertisements, any notices of any candidacies for public office or discussion of controversial political subjects.

Constituent lodges and charity give Michigan trouble, as they sometimes do us. He thus comments:

It is discouraging to find that a lodge is negligent or disinterested in our charitable institutions when everything is being done by our Grand Lodge to meet the responsibilities that become a part of every Mason's life.

I recommend that some concerted action be taken by this Jurisdiction with reference to the education of a Master Mason's orphans.

I call your attention to what seems to be a growing practice, that of displaying the Masonic insignia or emblem upon the radiator of automobiles or elsewhere. Wherever I have witnessed this, it has always impressed me that we are commercializing and cheapening the great emblem of our beloved order.

He deplores the exorbitant charges sometimes incurred by other Grand Jurisdictions without authority on behalf of visiting Brethren from Michigan Lodges. He thus concludes:

Masonry must stand by our National traditions and fortify law and order. There is a growing disrespect for much that is sound and right in our society. There is a lack of reverence among old and young and a tendency to shift responsibility.

Our civilization is merely an expression of our thoughts, our ideals and our aims. No matter how high and noble these

may be, they avail us nothing unless we strive to attain them. Knowledge means little unless we avail ourselves of it. Masonry is a training ground.

The Grand Secretary's Report is as usual, the mirror of Grand Lodge. It was his 45th consecutive attendance at Grand Lodge and the occasion was fittingly honoured.

Grand Master Rowland in his address spoke of the fitting and graceful courtesy in placing the Union Jack to the fore on this the 24th of May, a day held in high honour through the British Empire.

Speaking of juxta—positions and the great aims of the Craft our Grand Master said.

Sometimes, Sir, as I have visited lodges in Sault Ste. Marie, in Sarnia, in Windsor, in Detroit, no man for the life of him could tell to which of us those men belonged. (Laughter).

The great problem, however, is going to be to accomplish, in the mental and moral and spiritual world what the discoveries of science have done for us in the physical world—to put men in that frame of mind where they may know each other a little more completely; may understand each other a little better, and may in fact be friends; to appreciate the fact that if physically the world is one, mentally, morally and spiritually the human race is one, based upon the great fundamental principle of the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man. And I for one believe that this great Masonic Fraternity of ours is one of the most potent instruments that Providence has placed in our hands to bring about that moral and spiritual revolution.

Of the George Washington Memorial the Committee report:

As immense as the undertaking is, the payment by every Grand Jurisdiction would probably be sufficient to carry the work forward to the end; for the National Blue Lodge enrollment is reaching a grand total of nearly 3,500,000 members; and it may confidently be affirmed, that the cost of 5 medium quality cigars, or the charge for a medium quality movie picture, would be sufficient to meet the financial outlay required. Would our brethren of the Knights of Columbus long retard a similar undertaking?

It is a wise country that knows its own father, and a wise father that knows and loves his country.

Competent speakers are not any more accessible in Michigan than they are with us:

Our list of accredited speakers has grown very slowly. We have hopes that, ultimately, we shall be able to supply every need of every lodge for this form of entertainment and instruction.

This year's experience has taught us that nearly every community has some minister, lawyer, doctor, banker or Masonic student who has the ability to clearly explain in public a

given Masonic subject and who needs only to be supplied with definite information, which the Commission is in a position to furnish, in order that he may be able to entertain, instruct, and please on Masonic educational subjects.

A new Masonic Home is planned and a new site is being procured of large dimensions

The Obituary Report of R.W. Bro. Gallagher, Grand Chaplain, is different from all other similar reports that can be found among the Jurisdictions of the world, beginning by stating that continuity in office sometimes begets presumption. We assure him that any presumption is wholly in his favor. After an introduction, part of which we quote, he speaks of the enemies of Masonry.

Men who have run the gamut of modern secret societies come, at last, to Masonry and find in the ritual what they frankly confess they did not find elsewhere—dignity bordering on sublimity, lucidity, as of the waters of a clear mountain lake; significance that cannot, so to speak, be caught on the fly, but must be studied to be fully appreciated.

They confess also, that the Masonic ritual is utterly devoid of vapid sentimentality.

He is an enemy of our beloved institution, who, eagerly, in order to swell our numerical strength, yet ignorantly, signs the petition of an applicant whom he has known personally for only a few weeks, certainly for less than a year. Recommending a person for a position of trust is a grave responsibility. Masonry is a position of trust.

Masonry is always perverted by levity. Candidates receive a wrong impression. Dignity is relegated to the background, and it is hard to realize, in the midst of ill-advised behavior, that a wealth of symbolism, ceremonial, philosophy and history, challenges the initiate's attention and investigation.

I come into my home of a moderately cold day. A fire is laid in the grate. But it does not mellow the air of the room because the match has not been applied.

"Those whom virtue unites, death can never separate!"

After public recognition had been given to the many merits of Bro. Gallagher he gracefully replied saying:

I carry you all in my heart. There is a text of Scripture that I want you to carry away this morning as my message to you. I do not remember just how it stands in the English Bible, but Luther gave a translation of it which I like better than our King James Translation: "Every time I think of you I thank God."

$300 was presented to him to enable him to go to Boston to get this Thirty-third Degree from the Scottish Rite.

On receipt of flowers by the Grand Master he said of the Rotary—and we do not altogether agree:

The happy thought comes to me now that at least 95 per cent. of that Rotary Club are Masons. I have said so

many times that our Masonic work should not be concealed within the four walls of any lodge, but through the Rotary Club the Masons belonging to it have found an opportunity to render a service to humanity that they were unable to find in the Masonic Lodge of which they were a member. Why not?

Membership 149,128.

William N. Gatfield of Sandwich, represents Michigan.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence—a thing of beauty and a joy forever—is by Grand Chaplain Gallagher, who thus sings the prelude of his magnum opus. He writes with a free pen and we catch his infectious enthusiasm as we read. His Review is the epitome of cosmopolitan Masonry. No quotations can do it justice, nevertheless we must a few:

No matters demanding attention were brought before the Committee on Grievances and Appeals:

"Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love."

Congratulations, Alberta!

And this about Mexico under Arizona which recognizes another Grand Lodge in that multiple Republic:

Michigan is in friendly relations with York Grand Lodge of Mexico, hence the following excerpts will be read with great interest:

I cannot praise too highly the moving spirit of Masonry below the border in the person of Grand Master Fernando Dworak, an intellectual factor in his community, highly esteemed and loved by all, who is devoting his life work to education and his untiring efforts to Masonry.

He quotes largely from Bro. James R. Malott who delivered an illuminating address. Bro. Malott has near kinsmen in the home of this Reviewer.

Some correspondence full of good will from British Columbia's transactions is reprinted with this note:

In the opinion of some, the above excerpt is not worth printing, but as it exemplifies the spirit of Masonic brotherhood permeating the fraternity universally, it is inserted.

To the Grand Master's Address he gives praise worth while:

Educational Committees would do well to have it printed by thousands and put into the hands of members of the Craft. It is clear. It has punch. It is more than literary. It is truth. It is to be hoped some Jurisdiction, if not British Columbia, will rescue this wise counsel from the limbo of forgetfulness.

This under California is delightful:

The full program is inserted. It must have been a delightful introduction to the routine business.

"With melting airs, or martial, brisk or grave;
Some chord in unison with what we hear
Is touched within us, and the heart replies."

Remarks by the M.W. Grand Master at this point, "extend a most coridal a most hearty good morning, an affectionate greeting and a sincere welcome," Also a beautiful "God-Speed the parting guest:" "I trust that each of you will pack your grip and leave for home with a smile on your lips and a song in your heart."

Canada has no less than eight pages of friendly and comprehensive review. He cannot resist humor under any circumstances and thus speaks of some of our abbreviations:

The R.W. Grand Chaplain asked the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U. (to our way of thinking an almost sacriligious abbreviation. Excuse me Dearie!) upon the proceedings.

He refers specially to our reception of the Grand Representatives of Michigan, of whom he was one.

He gives a full page to Grand Master Rowland's summing up on "what is the value of it".

He speaks of the eloquent address that accompanied the Long Service Medals.

He has a well deserved word of praise for Grand Secretary Logan:

The R.W. Grand Secretary has a voice well adapted to his vocation. No one need say "louder" when he reads a report or makes a statement. There are matters of great interest in his report, but they are not cast in popular form. Statistics, in fact.

And to our late lamented Bro. Thomas Shanks he pays this tribute:

However, let it be written, and truthfully written, that whatever Brother Thomas Shanks pens is worthy of and demands thoughtful attention.

I have to thank him for his kind review of my review:

Michigan, at the hands of Bro. Ponton, receives a more than courteous review. Seven pages are as unusual as these pages are bright and spicy. It is evident from the number and quality of his quotations, that Colonel Ponton has read every page of the Correspondence Report; and, this being the case, I am led to express the hope that, in the near future, all the brethren will learn to prize and profit by these reports as much as Canada's talented committee on correspondence does, as much as Michigan's Grand Chaplain has done through 20 years. A captivating review.

He quotes with approval in a fine review of England the determination expressed in these words:

We, therefore, give full warning through this Grand Lodge that, while we are not witch-finding or heresy-hunting in any sense, we will endeavour to keep a very strict watch on the increasing laxity of some of our Brethren, who, in their anxiety to earn either popularity or some more material substance, circulate that which is secret, and should be secret, to members of the Craft alone.

Masonry carries its blessings to all parts of the earth; and there are willing missionaries.

As usual, Louis Block and Iowa demand and reward his attention:

Not one-half has been written that might be of Iowa's splendid report. Terminal facilities have been meagre. Michigan's Correspondent is studying brevity, but always fails when Iowa's "Annals" are in hand.

Scotland and the Eastern Star form the subject of several papers which he introduces as follows:

"The Order of the Eastern Star". This Report is given in full. The attitude of Scottish Masonry toward the Eastern Star, as you will observe upon reading this report, is that all connection as a "co-worker" with Masonry must be surrendered, It is thought wise to publish this Report at length rather than a lot of small details of the work of Scottish Masonry. It is illuminating and will tend to give us, in America, a proper, or, at least, a different viewpoint.

Frankly we may read his personality into every page of the Proceedings:

It seems to Michigan that what the brethren at large need is not the personal view of of a puny Correspondent, but those of Grand Masters, Grand Secretaries, Grand Lecturers, as well as the consensus of opinion of Grand Lodge as expressed in legislation.

MINNESOTA

Albert F. Pray, M.W. Grand Master.

Several special communications of Grand Lodge were held during the year, one for laying the cornerstone of United States Post Office, others for laying cornerstones of school buildings and the chief one for laying the cornerstone of the new Guest Lodge of the Minnesota Masonic Home, two also for churches, showing that Minnesota does not share Illinois' objection to functioning at the foundation of ecclesiastical edifices.

The Seventy-fourth annual Communication was held in St. Paul, January 19, 1927. 17 Past Grand Masters brought the experience of the past to the service of the present.

Canada was represented by M.W. Bro. Herman Held, always faithful.

Of the Fraternal Dead the Grand Master says:

The Scythe of Time which knows no faltering, has severed the thread of life of many members during the year.

He dismisses the George Washington Memorial Association tribute with these words:

While the Association is worthy of our support, I cannot urge contributions to it which will in any way interfere with the consummation of our plans for relief.

He speaks of the realization during the war of the necessity of a Masonic Lodge at or near the campus of the State University. Opposition developed however, but in 1923 a charter was granted and the lodge duly constituted. It already has the splendid membership of 621. Then followed wise words which our own University lodges will appreciate:

A moment's thought will convince you that as time goes on, hundreds, yes, even thousands, will graduate from this school of Masonry and be of real benefit to the small lodges throughout the State.

Its field of effort, outside of ritual work, is large and very important. In assisting those who enter the University, be they Masons or their sons, its membership performs a real service. Its meetings afford an opportunity for students to meet members of the faculty and establish a bond of friendship the value of which cannot be measured.

Its committees encourage the discouraged, influence for the better the wayward, spur the laggard to greater efforts, furnish entertainment and a social hour that brings together many who might otherwise fail to reach their goal of graduation.

It is to be hoped that this lodge will in time be recognized as a lodge whose jurisdiction for service will be State-wide, and the fraternity at large provide a suitable building housing the lodge and its clubrooms, as has been done in several other Grand Jurisdictions.

Among his common sense decisions are the two following:

Masonic temples and Masonic halls are known as such in every community and whatever occurs in them will be attributed to Masonry, be it good or bad, consequently great care should be exercised in the selection of those who are permitted to occupy the halls of our subordinate lodges as joint tenants.

A request was received to grant a special dispensation to confer the degrees on a petitioner at his home, the petitioner being afflicted with tuberculosis and too ill to stand. The request was denied, and attention called to the fact that a petitioner must be hale and sound.

The good work goes on at Rochester, the home of the Mayos and is thus alluded to:

The organization of all the representatives of fraternal organizations in Rochester eliminates duplication of effort and assures attention to all. We are fortunate indeed in having this important service under the supervision of sympathetic and capable men.

New people reported 3,799 calls made 9,076, letters written 1410, Good work!

Grand Secretary John Fishel represented the G.M. on his visit to us in 1926, pleasantly remembered by us.

The need of closer contact between Grand Lodge and the constituent lodges is felt in all Jurisdictions and as to this Minnesota's Grand Master says:

The history of our own Grand Lodge, the biography of noted men and their Masonic affiliations, and articles on many subjects could be published in magazine or bulletin form, and sent at least monthly to every member of this Grand Jurisdiction, as part of an educational program.

He makes a strong appeal for the Masonic Home:

The hope of the pioneers of this project is about to be realized—do not let technicalities interfere, but as men and Masons realizing our duty to others, take advantage of this opportunity to enjoy the pleasure of giving.

Membership 60,742. Net gain 941.

$500 was appropriated to procure an oil portrait of Grand Historian Metcalf, a worthy recognition.

George H. Phelps representing North Dakota, made a fine address from which we make two extracts:

The outstanding fact is that the Masonic institution is here as a world-wide universal brotherhood, but while its universality is admitted, we must with equal frankness admit that it is not a united organization. First, it is divided into two rites—the so-called York and Scottish Rites, both universal but at times refusing to extend recognition to each other. We will consider only the York rite. Strictly speaking, it will not be true to say that this Rite had its origin at the meeting of the four old lodges in the Goose and Gridiron Ale House in 1717 when Anthony Sayer, Gentleman, was elected first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, but it is true to say that at this time there was implanted in the institution the British spirit of self-government with its principle of delegated authority from the individual to his elected representative, with the reservation to the individual of all rights not expressly granted. Or, to put it in a sentence, York Masonry is built on individuality and the right of self expression and here arises our lack of unity.

Strong as may be outside forces seeking to overturn our form of government, a greater danger exists in this mental attitude of our people toward the laws which our resprentatives have made for our government. We are not a lawless people. but a people afflicted with too many laws.

The Committee on Jurisprudence rule that a lodge may expend its funds to render aid or relief to any fellow being who may be in want or affliction. This is contrary to the decisions in most Grand Jurisdictions in which Masonic philanthrophy is limited to purely Masonic purposes. (See further on).

How many Masons can stand up under this ruling as to our bête noire?:

A Master Mason convicted in a court of competent jurisdiction of making a false and fraudulent income tax return in

violation of the Federal Law, is guilty of unmasonic conduct. Charges should be preferred against him and a Masonic Trial held.

The address of Grand Orator Shutter is an awakening sermon and something more. He says:

When Daniel Webster rose to make his reply to Hayne, he began with these words: "When the mariner has been tossed for many days, in thick weather, on an unknown sea, he naturally avails himself of the first pause in the storm, the earliest glance of the sun, to take his latitude and ascertain how far the elements have driven him from his true course. Let us imitate this prudence, and before we drift further on the waves of this debate, refer to the point from which we departed, that we may at least be able to conjecture where we now are. I ask for the reading of the resolution before the senate."

These days in which we live are strangely confused. There are many answers when we ask what it means to be an American citizen, or what American itself means. Patriotism is accounted a doubtful virtue. Internationalism, without nations, seems to be more popular. One flag is accounted as good as another.

Let us, in the spirit of Webster's illustration, try to find out just where we are.

I shall speak of three fundamental principles. These will afford us that "glance of the sun by which we may take our latitude."

R.W. Bro. C. W. Haentschel represents Minnesota.

The Masonic Veteran Association held their 35th annual reunion and keep alive the sacred fires.

The Correspondence Report covers 227 pages and is the fifth of Bro. E. A. Montgomery, who thus expresses his wish and ours:

I trust the Craft will receive, in some measure at least a reflection of that pleasure and profit which was mine, in reading from this report what I have deemed would be of interest and profit to us all.

He speaks of Grand Master Rowland's address as very impressive and especially refers to the courage, steadiness and perfect self-control with which the people of the Mother Land met the great crisis in their national life. Of another aspect of our G.M's address he says.

He advanced a new idea worthy of consideration, believing that no member who is under a disability which prevents him from literally complying with the ritualistic ceremonies should be allowed to hold a lodge office.

He analyzes carefully the addresses of the D.D.G.M's and is the third Grand Master who has done so. He introduces his illustrations as follows:

Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters appear to be unstintingly complete and present a very pleasing picture of the conditions of masonry in the Province.

The dignity and impressiveness of the work should not be sacrificed by the selection of members who are lacking in ability, or who are too young in service.

Of the Condition of Masonry Report he says:

The report of the Board on Condition of Masonry was an admirably written document, treating not only of the movements and tendencies that affect Masonic thought and practice at home, but in other fields of labor.

And of our own review:

Bro. Ponton, again submitted the fraternal correspondence, very entertainingly and interestingly written, and completely covering the proceedings.

Under Iowa he speaks with regard to the subject referred to above:

Construing the law as to use of lodge funds he held that while Masons as individuals are encouraged to lend assistance to all worthy undertakings, lodge funds cannot be used to assist such cases as erection and maintenance of a public hospital, beautifying a city park, assisting the Boy Scouts, or making donations to other charitable purposes. The Committee approved this decision in the main, but called attention to the Code providing that "no money or securities of any lodge be used for other than Masonic purposes," suggesting that the limit is "Masonic purposes," rather than "lodge purposes."

He quotes this in the review of Nebraska:

> Let weaklings indulge in a sheltered life
> Where they curse when their luck goes bad,
> But fit me for battle with storm and strife;
> Give me brawn like my fathers had!

MISSISSIPPI

John R. Tally, M.W. Grand Master.

The One Hundred and Ninth Communication was held in Hattiesburg, February 15th, 1927.

The opening exercises composed of music and welcoming speeches and responses read very invitingly.

Fourteen Past Grand Masters reported for honourable duty.

Canada was represented by Bro. T. Q. Ellis, P.G.M.

Grand Master Tally in his thoughtful address pointed out that the usual avocations of life have been laid aside for a season and:

The Altar of Masonry round which we have so often met, again invites us to a renewal and confirmation of our pledges of Brotherly Love and Fidelity.

Nothing great was ever accomplished except through toil, labor and ceaseless vigilance. The heritage which we this day enjoy is a bequest from those whose hearts and lives were consecrated to this noble cause.

His analysis of Freemasonry is comprehensive and striking.

Disseminating, then, as Freemasonry does, truths emanating from the very Fountain of all knowledge, and illustrating and enforcing them by symbols eminently fitted to arrest the attention and forcibly impress the mind, it may well be said of it: "No institution was ever raised on a better principle or more solid foundation."

Its Founation: Truth;
Its Supports: Wisdom, Strength and Beauty.
Its Tenets: Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.
Its Cardinal Virtues: Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice.
Its Jewels· Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love.
What the world demands of us is deeds, not words.

With regard to promiscuous applications for assistance he says:

My attention was called to one application that was passed to the subordinate lodges where a Brother's horse had died or his house had burned. I am strongly of the opinion that matters of such local needs can and should be handled in some way by the members of the subordinate lodges to which the brother belongs, and not sent, by sanction of the Grand Lodge, to all the subordinate lodges of the State.

He does not approve of turning Temples into Dance Halls, saying:

In order that the great Masonic love for peace and harmony among its brethren might be preserved and prevail in the subordinate lodges, without exception, where it has been reported to me that a subordinate lodge was permitting its property used, either gratuitously or for rent, as a dance hall, I have notified the officers in charge to immediately cease such use or send me their Charter.

Mississippi is enthusiastic about the Masonic Service Association:

Through it our brethren are gaining much information and forming a higher conception of the Institution.

He does not approve of giving formal Masonic burial to suspended Masons, saying:

"That as the tree falls, so shall it lie"—that a Mason suspended for non-payment of dues, like one suspended for any other cause, cannot be reinstated after his death.

Mississippi is a conservative Jurisdiction in other matters also:

It has always been earnestly urged by Freemasonry not to establish halls jointly with other fraternities, as it is just another

chance to disturb the peace and harmony of the Lodge by getting into a controversy over the different uses that the lodge hall might be used.

Splendid work is being done in the Masonic Home at Meridian where there are 109 girls, of whom 11 are attending college, and the Home at Columbus where they have 68 fine boys.

He takes up again a subject of discussion in several Jurisdictions as to the "shock" given by the word profane, saying:

I recommend that hereafter in printing books and in all Masonic correspondence in this Grand Jurisdiction that the word non-Mason be substituted for the word profane. I think that the word profane is a misnomer and that we probably create the wrong impression by designating, unintentionally however, every person as a profane who is not a Mason.

He believes that in union there is strength:

And in order to strengthen these lodges and to build up a stronger Masonic sentiment, I recommend that the idea being practised in the consolidation of country schools be seriously considered by Masons of Mississippi, with reference to consolidating many of our lodges. I believe it will bring better results.

He thus concludes:

The duties of the hour are before us. Let us be Masonic Minute Men, do with our might whatsoever our hands find to do, let the scales of Justice be held in equal poise, and may our labors be crowned with success.

Membership 36,402. Gain 902.

Questions of jurisprudence are referred to the Law Committee an active and efficient organization who in the preface of their report on their decisions say:

That every human being is not eligible to the rights and benefits of Masonry no matter how anxious that human feeling may be to get into the lodge.

The Knights of Pythias desiring to sublet the Masonic Hall for their meetings, were refused:

Answer—Under the facts stated, your committee is of the opinion that it would be illegal to rent your hall to another organization.

This definition of remission of dues is satisfying:

The term "remit his dues" means to give him credit on the books for the amount of his dues.

A Brother on trial pleaded that he had applied for a demit. This ruling is given:

The lodge should proceed to try the accused. His contention is entirely too technical, and his position is erroneous. The mere fact of an application for a demit being pending does not deprive the lodge of jurisdiction to try him. The lodge

would have full authority to try him, even though a demit had already been granted.

As to cornerstones they hold:

The corner stone must be laid before the walls are built. We do not think the stone can properly be placed at the beginning of the second story, or some distance below the second story level. It should be placed at or near the floor level of the first floor.

An applicant who petitioned two days before becoming of age was held premature.

F. M. Morson of Toronto, represents Mississippi.

Again we cordially greet Past Grand Master Henry Yawn as Chairman of the Correspondence Committee. He is a lovable as well as manly character. In his preamble he says:

I feel that I have left much that is of great value in the quarries where I have labored.

But, my brethren, if you will but read this report, I am constrained to believe you will not only have a clearer conception of what is going on in our great instutution but that upon you will burst the light of a better day.

The sculptor died, a nation mourned; his body lay in state;
Among the throng that passed his bier were rich, and poor, and great.
A marble shaft of whitest gleam marked his resting place;
A glowing tribute to his name was chiseled on its base.

The teacher also passed away; she fills an unknown grave;
No lettered stone, no terraced mound, no fragrant flowers save
A tangled mass of wildwood bloom, that freights the passing breeze,
Marks the place where sleeps this saint beneath the bending trees.
Some day the testing time will come, when all the dead shall rise,
And meet the Judge upon His throne beyond the cloudless skies.
Then whose name will brighter shine on Heaven's eternal scroll,
A man's, who shaped insensate stone, or hers. who trained a soul?

From his review of Arkansas we take this verse which with the whole poem is printed in full:

I am proud of your earnest efforts my son,
Pleased you love Masonry and the work you have done,
But the beauties of Masonry dwell within,
And rarely agree with the size of the pin.

His review of Canada makes pleasant reading. He quotes a large part of the Grand Master's address and says:

While there may still be breakers ahead, the Grand Master indulges the hope that the efforts now being put forth to secure lasting peace may end in some degree of success at least.

He speaks of our striking statistics and quotes the rulings of the Grand Master.

Of our review he kindly says:

Brother Ponton presents a review of 67 Grand Jurisdictions, and we can only repeat what we have said before. He brings to his brethren the very best that a discriminating eye, a discerning ear and a cultivated taste can cull and collaborate from the vast fields of Masonic activities which he explores.

This reminder of the old Fifth Reader from Iowa:

Green be the turf above thee,
Friend of my better days,
None knew thee but to love thee,
None named thee but to praise.

And this from North Dakota strikes a responsive chord:

For there in the East we dreamed the dreams
Of the things we hoped to do;
But here in the West, the Crimson West,
The dreams of the East came true.

Under Oregon we find:

It is our hope that the spiritual lessons of our beautiful ritual will be visualized in the work as it progresses and in the finished Temple. We indulge the fond hope that it will be a place for the concourse of good men.

You never can tell when you do an act,
Just what the result will be.
For with every deed you are sowing a seed,
Though its harvest you never may see.

MONTANA, 1926

Edward W. Spottswood, M.W. Grand Master.

The biography of Dr. Spottswood which opens the volume is so striking and so sincere that we reproduce one sentence charged with ideals realized in full:

The ancient and the modern are completely blended in his personality.

His is the stately courtliness of a gentleman of the old school; immaculate of dress without foppishness or ostentation; the deepest feelings of regard for his fellowman; neither insolent to inferiors nor obsequious to the great; beloved alike by those of high or low degree of life's stations; possessor of wordly wealth to a degree which makes ordinary men snobs and "highbrows" toward their less endowed members of the human kind, but which has left him untouched with such infection; a high respect and consideration for the opinions of others; a true

Christian gentleman, without fanaticism against creeds of others; one of the foremost citizens of our commonwealth; a real lover of his home and family; tender ministrations to the sufferings of those near and dear to him; and with all these a real man among men of this day, readily entering into the highways and byways of modern life trodden by our generation and bringing into these rays of sunshine and happiness emanating from his splendid and virile personality.

The Sixty-second Communication was held in Butte, August 18, 1926.

We often get our rarest gems of information from the addresses of welcome and other functions outside of Grand Lodge routine and this is no exception:

It is a privilege and I assure you a great pleasure for me to welcome this great body of men, the leading citizens of the Treasure State to the greatest mining town in the world. The bulk of our precious metal is hidden from the eyes of men, and a great body of men are employed in bringing the product to the surface, and it is distributed over the entire civilized world. It is largely responsible for the great scientific advancement in the last quarter of a century, and the end is not yet. Copper, zinc, and lead, together with electricity generated by the water power of the great state of Montana will, in my estimation, in the near future produce results far beyond the expectation of the present generation.

Of the many men engaged in this work are the members of the lodges of Butte, in this Jurisdiction. They bring to Masonry the same industrious, intelligent application they give to their work.

"Remember that the most serviceable of all assets is reputation. When you once have it, and as long as you hold it, it works for you automatically; and it works twenty-four hours a day. It is always present. Brains alone, however brilliant, cannot win it. An indispensable portion of the purchase price must be provided by character."

M.W. Bro. Falkenstein of North Dakota, whom our Grand Lodge knows well through Port Arthur and Fort William, delivered an excellent address in his usual breezy style. Hear him:

I appreciate it highly. It recalls to my mind a little reception I had at one time by a Southern Colonel. I had occasion to visit the south, and a friend of mine gave me a very cordial letter of introduction to a friend of his in that country. I, of course, naturally took advantage of the opportunity and called at the country home, and after the handshakes and the formal words of greeting were over, the old gentleman, in his most cordial manner, and yet withal in rather modern language said this: He said "My dear sir, the front gate down at the highway is yours. I now present you with the front door of the mansion, the side door and the rear door," and then becoming more modern he said, "and the whole estate and the

'Mrs.' and all is yours, if you will support her and pay the taxes."

The Grand Master in his address spoke earnestly of the splendid work done at the Masonic Hut at Fort Harrison. They are troubled with itinerant men seeking relief.

Another matter presented was that of the failure of the members of lodges to sign their receipt cards. This failure has resulted in loss.

The above matters are of importance to us because, in the first instance, our own Jurisdiction may be invaded by a clandestine body and we may need the moral support of our sister Jurisdictions in order to combat it.

He calls special attention, as many do, to the little pamphlet called "Preparation" published by the Masonic Service Association:

I feel that a candidate should have a little right in knowing something about the order he is about to enter just as the lodge should investigate and know about his character and standing in the community.

Of the Masonic Home he says:

I have watched with satisfaction the gradual improvement in the Home, particularly the housing, furnishings and equipment, until at the present time we have a most creditable institution.

Grand Lodge has been incorporated. There may be special circumstances suggesting the advisability of this but it is wholly contrary to the ideals of our British Masonry. The Grand Master and his official family have been made "Directors".

The heads of Masonic Grand Bodies were welcomed in the following words:

We are taught in Masonry that Masonry is a speculative, progressive science. I have often wished that the word "speculative" could be eliminated from the Masonic ritual. Masonry, as all other sciences, in order to be of any value to the human race, must be operative as well as progressive. All sciences of whatever nature seek truth in whatever field of investigation they choose to labor. Astronomy is that science which seeks the truth regarding the heavenly bodies. Geology seeks for truth regarding the rocks of Mother Earth. Botany seeks the truth with regard to the vegetable kingdom. Zoology seeks for truth in regard to the animal life, and Masonry searches for truth in the field of investigation which deals with man's relation to his Creator, his country, his neighbor and himself.

These various branches of Masonry search for truth in man's relation to his Creator, to his neighbor and to himself.

M.W. Bro Day of the Scottish Rite responded and we make this interesting extract from his address:

Their theory is that if the Grand Orient of France recognizes any person in any jurisdiction whatsoever, they have a right to organize in that jurisdiction. Of course, that is Masonic outlawry, and no such principle as that can be tolerated for a moment. I trust that with the aid of the Masonic Service Association, we will finally drive out all these illegitimate bodies, because there are in this jurisdiction, living in this jurisdiction, men bearing charters and cards of admission from Masonic lodges that nobody but an expert can determine as to their illegitimacy. The members of the lodges in this jurisdiction must be very careful whom they admit to their lodges, outside of the regular Grand Lodges, with whose organizations they are familiar. There are enough illegitimate Masons in Utah, in Colorado, in Nevada, and in Idaho and in Montana, if they once get into your organization, to completely disrupt it. We sent to the penitentiary the leaders of the organization, but there are still men carrying these cards around, and I am satisfied there have been times when they attended meetings with regular bodies in this city as well as in Helena.

As we know that this subject is dear to the heart of our own Grand Master we make this reference:!

The Grand Master asked those brethren who had been Masons for sixty years to come forward, then fifty-year Masons and then the forty-year Masons.

Nineteen Past Grand Masters rallied to the colors.
Canada was represented by Bro. Geo. P. Porter.
Membeship 20,371. Gain 396.

D.G.M. Charteris, subsequently elected Grand Master, reports on his visit to Saskatchewan, which to him represents the best in Canada, as follows:

I told our Grand Master that he has missed something if he had not received the Grand Honors in a Canadian lodge.

The trip was a grand success from beginning to end and I hope that the friendly relations thus established by these visits will be strengthened and augmented by still further visits. Brother Tate is to be commended for the effort he has put forth in bringing those two jurisdictions closer together. To know him is to love him.

M.W. Bro. Smith, G.M. and M.W. Tate, G.S. of Saskatchewan were enthusiastically welcomed on their return visit.

In looking for speakers and literature for lodges, W. Bro. Jewell lauds the Foreign Correspondence Reports:

Why, we can pick up the foreign correspondence report in our proceedings here, year after year, and on any evening in our constituent lodges, and you men who are here can find articles that will be interesting to every brother who is present. It is not necessary to go to the directors of the Masonic Service Association. So. Hepner has prepared it for you. All you have to do is to read it.

A resolution to make Helena the permanent meeting place of Grand Lodge was after a long debate, not adopted.

M.W. Bro. Smith of Saskatchewan replied to the address of welcome at great length, saying incidentally:

That is not the Scotch that you had in mind at all. Of course, we haven't any objections to that either, but we found that Most Worshipful Brother Charteris was Scotch, and we like him because he is Scotch, and because he has the retentive qualities. That is all I will say, but we discovered incidentally, brethren, that he was one of those who made friends and retained them. That is what I mean by the retentive qualities o the Scotch.

Bro. Tate's brief address has also the right ring:

Our relationship, our interrelationship with one another is very, very dear to me. I have tried in every way possible to promote fuller and a richer international and inter-jurisdictional understanding between the Grand Lodges, not only to the north and south of an imaginary boundary line, but of the Grand Lodges in Canada. We cannot understand too much of each other, and I believe brethren, that if we come to realize how we are banded together with common ideals, we can influence the future civilization of the Anglo-Saxon world.

Montana with-drew from the Masonic Service Association, which we regret.

George Naylor of Ingersoll represents Montana.

The Foreign Correspondence is prepared by that pillar of Montana. Masonry, H. S. Hepner, who we note is frequently referred to as "Sol".

With regard to the interpretation of "On the Square" we find the following in his review of Alabama:

It is the opinion of your committee that the obligation referred to was intended as a guarantee to every Master Mason that the things pertaining to himself and family on which he desired to obtain the advice, or assistance, of a brother Master Mason, would not, when so received be divulged to his later shame or embarrassment.

Arizona thus strikes out with the good old Victorian days:

You may call me old-fashioned, and perhaps I am, but it does seem to me that there is a marked difference between the rigor of the social and moral conventions of my youth and of to-day.

Particularly does it seem to me that our Nation and our State has suffered in this respect. Our youth is rebellious of proper restraint and "brazenness" sometimes seems to be the watchword of the hour.

Our activities are summarized in Canada and a large quotation is made from the Report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry. Our colleague is however wrong in recording that hereafter our G.M. shall be appointed by the Board of General Purposes and continue through the pleasure of the

Board. This was not even suggested. He quotes our foreword in full and kindly says:

Bro. Ponton has 342 printed pages of Reviews; they are all good; no, they are fine reviews and make a splendid Correspondence Report. Montana, was most generously treated. We like his "Foreword" it is unique; here it is:

This tribute is paid to the music of the Craft under Iowa:

We picture music as the "medium which gives to the natural world communication with the spiritual" and speak of it as "a language of delightful sensations, far more eloquent than words," as one which "sweeping aside the discordant passions of men" has the power to make "the soul yearn for those unseen vistas which are beyond the span of the present hour, for that communion with God, which is its highest life," for that "it bears the spirit up and gives it a taste of immorality."

To what extent do we make use of music in our lodges for the more admirable and attractive rendering of our ritualistic work?

It will pay. It will put a new atmosphere in the lodge room—a new spirit in the work, a clearer and a better ring in our comradeship, bring us all closer in the bond of brotherhood, in the tie that blesses the while it binds.

England receives from Montana the same criticism that other Jurisdictions pay and which she ignores. Many Reviewers omit any reference to England at all on this account—an international misfortune:

The same style of pamphlets as heretofore are before us and we are endeavoring to make them out, with the usual result of leaving us in a chaotic frame of mind as to what was done and what was not done "over there".

Saskatchewan always fertile, is thus ploughed:

Surely, in the face of this, we have Canadian, yes, national ideals and ambitions by which all these diverse factors and factions can be welded together into one harmonious group.

His conclusion is worthy and characteristic:

Again have we ended our travels in foreign countries; not foreign, but sister lands where those with whom we came in contact have the same ideals, lofty aspirations and hopes as do those among whom we live.

Education of the young, education of the old, education in the history, philosophy and purposes of Masonry have become among the primary promptings of our endeavors.

And Charity, the greatest of virtues of humankind, is enlarging its sphere of activity.

MONTANA, 1927

James M. Charteris, M.W. Grand Master.

The biography of the Grand Master is most interesting. We reproduce the beginning and the closing:

James M. Charteris, was born in Lanarkshire, Scotland, February, 1872. He is the youngest of a family of ten children and in youth roamed the hillsides where bluebells and heather blow and the spirit of that great Scotch genius of brotherhood abides and casts his spell.

Thus was it fore-ordained that he must bear the Light. To kiss the tomb of the immortal Burns in holy pledge to the ideal of Brotherhood. Masonry, when it saw him, had only to claim him as its own.

Two special Communications of Grand Lodge were held to conduct the funeral services of Past Grand Masters.

The Sixty-third Annual Communication was held in Helena, August 17, 1927. Governor Erickson of Montana, himself a Worshipful Brother, made a fine welcoming address in which he said:

But we must not let the glories of the past blind us to the duties of to-day.

After all, the present and future of this Order will be just what you and I make it, and society will get out of it what we put into it.

M.W. Bro. Smith of Saskatchewan was welcomed with the Grand Master of North Dakota.

Then followed a real address from the Scottish Grand Master who said:

On all sides of us are to be seen waving fields of prosperity. The cattle and sheep on Montana's thousand hills are fat and contented as never before; her mountains produce a constant flow of precious metals; her forests send forth a constant stream of lumber and building material, and her oil derricks bedeck her plains in countless numbers.

Moral excellence must be one of our watchwords at all times. Every Mason should feel and act as if the reputation of our Order rested upon his shoulders. Sages of old contended that no sin was ever committed the consequence of which fell on the head of the sinner alone, and no man could do ill and his fellows not suffer. No man suffers alone for his folly.

The question has often been asked, Who is the most important person in a Masonic lodge? My answer is, the brother on the investigating committee. If he will always do his duty the future of our Fraternity is secure. The one great question the investigating committee should ask themselves—and on the answer should hinge their report—is, "If we admit this person, will he attract other good men to us or will he repel the good and attract those of the undesirable strata?" Until a committeeman is able to answer this question he is not ready

to report and the report should be in accord with his finding without fear or favor.

He recommended that the Square and Compass, the emblems of Masonry, be presented to each initiate. He approves of the grouping of candidates in degree work to a number not exceeding three, except in the second section of the M.M. degree.

He concludes with a fine quotation from Burns' Cotter's Saturday Night with which I hope we are all familiar.

Beautiful pictures of the Masonic Home adorn the Proceedings.

No less than 20 Past Grand Masters responded to the call.

Canada's Grand Representative did not attend.

A motion directing the Jurisprudence Committee to submit an amendment of the Code under which the Grand Master would be authorized to grant his dispensation to permit work with groups of not more than three upon a showing by a lodge that an emergency exists, was carried, and Grand Secretary Hepner was directed to correspond with other Grand Jurisdictions and ascertain which, if any, permit grouping.

Bishop Herbert H. H. Fox, acting Grand Chaplain, spoke eloquently on "The Builders":

They forget that true mastery in art and literature as in every other walk of life demands suppression as well as expression. Restraint is the key to mastery in every thing human. Law is restraint. True liberty says of the gross and common, "I can do this or that thing. I can make a beast of myself but I will not." That is liberty. That is the true freedom. The keystone of character is found in that phrase, "I can but I will not."

Human progress and civilization have been built up on restraints rather than upon license.

The Grand Representative of England, M.W. Bro. Day was chosen to make the response for the Grand Representatives which he did in a most instructive speech, saying incidentally:

It is entitled to the rank of Premier or Mother Grand Lodge of the World, not only by reason of its antiquity, but also because of the high character, politically, socially and intellectually of its membership, the fidelity and tenacity with which it holds to its ideals and ancient landmarks, and the great exemplification of charity and benevolence, as well as fraternity which it shows forth to the world.

Masonry has done much to cement the ties which have bound the two nations together in their efforts to bring freedom, enlightenment and peace to the nations of the earth.

Grand Historian Lemert contributed a fine paper on Masonry in Montana.

George Naylor of Ingersoll, represents Montana, George P. Porter represents Canada.

We are glad to note the characteristic features of M.W. Bro. H. S. Hepner, Grand Correspondent. Character, attainments and stability are written on his face.

Under Canada he speaks of Fort William and Port Arthur in 1926 and of the legends of the Ojibways and Algonquins of old. He quotes largely from Grand Master Rowland's address as a good one and recounts our activities and the Grand Master's "sensible" decisions, making special reference to the long service medals presented. He also quotes largely from the "most interesting" report on the Condition of Masonry. He reprints our preamble in full and adds the following, which is finely and aggressively friendly:

He quotes from the writer's sketch of the Grand Master; unlike another reviewer he saw the humor of Missoula mayor's story on Doctor Spottswood.

He gets after Brother Day for his remarks.

Now, Brother Ponton, our Past Grand Master Day is chuck-full of Masonic idealisms; he is great of mind and intellect and of heart. He said just what he thought, and maybe he is right and you are wrong. You know there must be differences of opinion or we would die of ennui.

We are glad that he likes our memorial on Toby Hedges, who was the writer's dearest friend and we found it hard to couch our thoughts in efficient phrase to do his memory ample justice.

We like you, Brother Ponton, and may we meet some day, somewhere here ere either goes to his Eternal Home.

We wish that space permitted an extract from many of his reviews but the tenor and the merits of them may be gathered from his "end of the journey" which we reprint almost in full as worthy:

Once more have we completed our roamings over the fertile fields of Masonry.

The entire North American Continent, a portion of Central America, Great Britain, Australia and adjacent islands of the sea, have our feet symbolically trodden, insearch of further light in Masonry.

As our mind and memory turn in retrospect as to what we noted of interest in these lands of our travels, it seems that from every nook and corner there come to us visions of larger activities, greater accomplishments, enlarged horizons and better conceptions of Masonry's aims and purposes.

Our needy members are lovingly cared for in better homes, our ailing and suffering brothers are receiving greater alleviation than ever before and the widows and orphans are protected from the world's sordidness on a scale unsurpassed in the annals of our benevolences.

The Craft everywhere is "Researching" into the misty story of Masonry's past, and is establishing at the same time laboratories to bring forth from the crude masses of the ores of

human emotions, desires and hopes, the refined gold of Brotherly Love and Relief.

Under the tutelage of Educational Boards, ignorance is banished, and becoming ignoble and unclean, and the torch of Light and Knowledge shown on every Masonic altar.

Did you every stop to think of the number of men, discouraged and faltering under the stress and trials of life's battles, almost ready to sink down beneath the weight of these burdens, she annualy takes within her sheltering Homes and benefices and makes the rest of their days on earth a paean of the moment they became Masons; note the number of distressed mothers and widows, whose lives become a benediction to the Order's greatness in giving them care and solace for their needs and afflictions; consider the orphan boys and girls tenderly raised and educated by the Craft everywhere in the lands Masonic.

Think well before you speak lightly of the Order; let your purse-strings unloosen when the call comes to you to aid in financing the Order's charities.

Let your hearts swell with joy that you were deemed worthy to become a member of this great Order of Freemasonry, and lend your strength, your skill and your finer impulses to the advancement and welfare of the seekers after light—the Light of Human Love reflecting the glory of Him Who guides the destinies of humanity.

NEBRASKA

M.W. Bro. Edwin D. Crites, Grand Master.

The Seventieth Annual Communication was heldat Omaha, June 7th, 1927.

12 Past Grand Masters worked in the Grand East.

The address of the Grand Master was full of good things, of which the following are examples:

Time is about to roll up the scroll of another Masonic year.

Year by year, the Fraternity extends itself, and becomes more solidly established. Year by year, its legitimate influence is greater. It is the one means available for the realization, all over the world, of those aspects of internationalism which all agree are desirable, among which may be mentioned universal understanding, peace, good will and confidence on the part of all in the good intentions of their neighbors, which, when realized, will go far toward ameliorating the evils which beset so much of the world.

On February 16, 1927, died Robert Emmet French, Past Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska, for more than 26 years Grand Custodian, and for 55 years a Mason.

Not myself, but the truth that in life I have spoken,
Not myself, but the seed that in life I have sown,
Shall pass on to ages—all about me forgotten,
Save the truths I have spoken, the things I have done.
So let my living be, so be my dying,
So let my name lie unblazoned, unknown,
Unpraised and unmissed, I shall still be remembered,
Yes, but remembered, by what I have done.
That life is ever lord of Death,
And Love can never lose its own!"

He laid three cornerstones and in connection therewith spreads this with his trowel of opportunity:

I believe that no opportunity should be overlooked to conduct these ceremonies under proper conditions and restrictions. Our public appearances are not numerous and should not be multiplied, but when they do occur should be dignified and of such character not only to elicit the interest, but to command the respect of any person who may witness them. A well executed ceremony of laying a corner-stone invariably results in the quickening of the Masonic spirit and is a benefit to the Masonic organization of the community in which it is laid. Opportunities of this description are too often lost through the negligence of public authorities having the responsibility for the construction of the building, or of the officers of the subordinate lodges in not concerning themselves with the arrangements until it is everlastingly too late to make them.

I urge the W. Masters of Lodges where such events are in prospect to take advantage of their opportunities.

As in Ontario, so in Nebraska:

This high state of proficiency is not found in the city lodges alone—indeed it exists in some country lodges, to an extent that requires the city Brethren to look to their laurels. This enviable condition is due to the untiring efforts of our Grand Custodian and his able deputies.

He has widsom and prudence as to temporalities, saying:

Investigations of the receipts and expenditures of the Grand Lodge for the present Masonic year, will disclose that the difference between our receipts and expenditures is practically nothing. We have been unable to accumulate any surplus or reserve, and I am told that this condition has existed for some years. The practice of increasing obligations and trusting to luck to find the money to meet them is altogether too prevalent in governmental affairs and also in the affairs of institutions such as ours.

Our subordinate lodges must realize that the first duty to extend relief to its members and their dependents, is on the lodge.

In the case of a lodge with a history of intermittent discord for ten years last past the Charter was cancelled and the

lodge determined and a dispensation was refused to one of the warring parties.

In his decisions he held that it was improper for subordinate lodges to sponsor or incur any liability or appropriate funds in connection with the Order of De Molay whatever individual members might do.

He also directed the Grand Secretary that it was improper to send out copies of Proceedings or rosters of membership to applicants.

Membership 41,586. Net gain 649.

The Committee on the Fraternal Dead write eloquently and touchingly:

Two voices, are heard in every storm which sweeps the path of journeying men; one hears a message of fear, the other, sings above the tempest its psalm of triumph; and at last breathes out its note of mastery;—"peace be still".

When the walls of Bedford jail fell before the vision of John Bunyan; he saw the entry of Christian—the Pilgrim of his far journey—into the celestial city; he beheld the beauty of its streets, its walls and towers; and then in his raptured gaze he gathered the company of the redeemed, the mighty fathers— the deep-hearted mothers—and the sweet faced children, he could but say, "and when I had seen I wished myself among them."

He has nothing but praise for the Masonic Home at Plattsmouth and the Masonic Infirmary, saying:

Masonry in Nebraska is to be congratulated and may well feel a just sense of pride, in having constructed and equipped as fine a Hospital as there is in the state. The building is of stone, Gothic in architecture, fire proof throughout, and is furnished with the latest and most approved equipment for all hospital purposes.

The Committee on Masonic Education are vigorously active and report:

For back of the splendid ritual and its esoteric interlinings, which these men gave to us, there were richly stored minds, which gave unstintedly of their intellectual wealth—but mark you, minds dominated by Titan spiritual forces, agencies which inspired them to their best achievements, and without the presence of which, our lives will pay no lofty tribute to our ancestry.

Our second design upon the Trestle Board: is that which plans definitely for the increase of knowledge—knowledge of the fundamentals of Masonry.

Albert Pike's lofty sentiment should always stir our hearts. "What we have done for ourselves alone, dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal."

The splendid little $1.00 library of ten volumes is a remarkable production and covers in a simple manner a wide field of Masonic enquiry.

Of the late Bro. French at the memorial service it was said in touching language:

Our Friend "Uncle Bob" But he was more to us than the dreamer—the thinker—the prophet—he was a friend and a Brother indeed; for that rugged nature, which had in its tides of mental, and spiritual power, so much of attraction for men, had also in rare degrees, those finer qualities of kindness, gentleness, and forbearance, which drew all classes, into vital intimacy with itself.

Needs then the praise of the low written record,
The name and the epitaph graved on the stone?
THE THINGS LIVED FOR,—let them be our Story,
Ourselves but remembered by what we have done.

Grand Orator Peterson delivered a fine oration as usually throughout United States Jurisdictions all their Grand Orators do. Their office is not a sinecure.

"The Spirit of Adventure."

Progress in civilization has been rapid or halting in the degree that the spirit of adventure has been dominant or subdued.

While astronomers were thus engaged other scientists were inverting the lenses and studing the minute details of the material world. Ultimately the atom was declared to be the final, indivisible and indestructible content of all that is. But, with better light and with increased capacity to see the little things, the atom itself exploded.

The adventurer in the laboratory has not been limited to a study of inorganic matter. By the same processes, life has been followed, step by step, and micro organisms so infinitesimal in dimension as to wholy escape detection, save by the most powerful microscope, have come without our lines.

I love to think of this new race. When this new race emerges it will not be English, neither will it be French nor Irish, nor German nor Spanish, nor Italian nor Scandinavian, nor any other of the old established nationalities. But this new race will have the English love of free institutions; it will have the wit and sprightliness of the Irish; it will have the vivacity of the French; the Italian love of art and music; the sturdy, painstaking qualities of the German, laboriously at work in his laboratory, and I love to think it will have something of the blue eyes of the north with some of the Scandinavian quality which loves music in a minor key. It will be the heir of the good qualities of all of its composite ancestry.

125 automobiles conducted Grand Lodge to the Children's Home at Fremont.

The retiring Grand Master must have been a lawyer judging from these sentences when the jewel was pinned upon his breast by his successor:

My Brother, you belong to a contentious fraternity. You are entitled to have men dislike you, but my Brother, I want

to say that during this year, I have yet to find a man who has an evil word to say of you, or to offer the slightest criticism.

John R. Webster represents Canada and Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, represents Nebraska.

The late Frank L. Haycock wrote the report on Foreign Correspondence and nearly completed the same when death called him. The Grand Sedretary adds this fine tribute:

He was the type of man we read about; a tall man, rugged and silent; a man who thought deeply, courageously and honestly, and who was beloved by his Brethren and his friends. His passing is a loss to this Grand Jurisdiction. He will be missed and he will be mourned.

In Bro. Haycock's preface he says as his swan song:

It will make our way more pleasant and inspire us to better effort, if you of the unknown and unseen audience, as the "mike" men of the radio say, will freely tell us by letter or otherwise just how our stuff takes with you. Be candid.

It is a remarkable education for you, as it is for me, to scan the Masonic world. In a way it is like a journey afar to strange lands and new scenes. There is much that is different —some that is unexpected and strange. It will seem to intrude upon and contradict your belief that Masonry is universal and the same everywhere. You will gather interesting facts from trivial features, that is, you will if I do my part.

Canada is generously reviewed, our late colleague saying:

The Grand Master's address is brief and deals concisely with matters demanding his attention. In line with the principal and burning question of the period, he comments:

For two reasons we quote extensively from the report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry, presented by Bro. Shanks, First, it is admirable material for perusal, and second, we feel no compunction in thus using it to the exclusion of other matters on account of lack of allotted space.

The review, a lengthy and valuable work by Brother Ponton. Nebraska is cordially and efficiently reviewed.

We are pleased to note that he correctly interprets our remarks in re Bro. Shatford's comment on relief in the Quebec proceedings. We regret to say that one other of our Canadian associates did not.

It is not often that your humble reviewer is accorded the notice Brother Ponton gives us. A whole page including four quotations is what we are graciously allotted, and we are grateful:

Under Florida we read:

In 926 A.D. operative Masons in England were granted a charter for a regular organization empowering them to meet annually at the City of York, where the first Grand Lodge was organized. Henceforth, for eight centuries, Masonry con-

tinued an operative fraternity, producing both in England and on the continent those grand and unapproachable specimens of art which are the pride of central Europe and the admiration of the traveler.

We find this comment under Nova Scotia:

No objection may be entered against wearing brilliant and ornamental regalia in the confines of the Lodge, if permitted; but the wearing of it in public, besides detracting from uniformity, seems ostentatious and in bad taste.

And under Tennessee this:

The initials "P.M." after our names designate us as "from the ranks" of those

> Who will not take
> From palace, priest or code,
> A meaner law than brotherhood,
> A lower Lord than God."

Anent Masonic funerals he agrees with Bro. Eggleston of Virginia saying:

It calls to our mind an instance of the writer being summoned to a remote locality to conduct a Masonic funeral, and, on arriving, finding that the deceased was a suspended Mason of goodly age. The ceremony proceeded regardless; bereaved hearts were gladdened and no one suffered.

NEVADA

Wendell H. Churchyard, M.W. Grand Master.

Grand Lodge met at Special Communications to pay the last tribute of respect to Past Grand Masters Gillson and Bell and also to Edward D. Vanderlieth, Grand Secretary, a loss to the whole Craft indeed.

The Sixty-third Annual convened at Reno, June 9th, 1927, with no less than 17 Past Grand Masters letting their light shine from the Grand East.

Old Glory was carried to the altar, the Brethren singing "America".

The address of the Grand Master thus begins:

Three hundred and sixty-five days have passed since we met; three hundred and sixty-five days of opportunity to study and observe Free Masonry at work in the great process of opening the eyes of mankind to the fact that "All men are created free and equal".

Of one of his outstanding visitations he says:

I visited Eureka Lodge. It was well been said by my predecessors, that this is a lodge of Patriarchs. While the membership is small, the lack of number is more than compensated by the zeal and enthusiasm of the members.

Bro. Fraser is blind and has been in this condition over 40 years, yet his mind is clear on every detail of the Lodge History, most since its inception. While listening to his address, I was impressed with the fact that we have but little history of subordinate lodges, and that it would be an excellent thing if something could be done to get this data now, before those who have made History, pass.

Of another visit in this wonderfully mineralized State he thus records his experience:

I visited Lander Lodge. This is a mining Camp Lodge, and with the closing down of mining activities in this section the membership has become widely scattered; however, the active membership is made up of men engaged in mercantile business, agricultural and livestock industries and no matter whether the mining activities cease completely, the work of the lodge will be carried on with credit to itself and the Fraternity.

He announced the appointment of Bro. King to fill the balance of the year on the death of the Grand Secretay.

Under state of the Craft he thus speaks wisely and well:

In most lodges provision has been made to keep records safe from destruction from fire and theft, but in a few instances I have found that books of record covering early day minutes, etc., are not being properly preserved. My judgment is that this condition should be improved, and if these old records are of no value to the subordinate lodge, they certainly are of value to the Grand Lodge and should be sent to the Grand Secretary where they can be preserved in our archives.

Those of us who are enjoying the privileges made possible by these great and good men, revere their memory and appreciate what they have done for us; we should not be derelict in our duty towards them and I am certain that this Grand Body will find means to properly identify and mark the last resting places of those who have been illustrious in Nevada's Masonic History.

The University of Nevada sent beautiful roses and lillies.

It was announced that Bro. Whited of California, would confer the Legion of Honor Degree on two local De Molay boys. De Molay seems to be linked up almost as a limb of the Craft. Bro. Whited in his address spoke of it as follows-

He stressed the fact that Masonry was thereby constructing of indestructible materials, a living monument to the Glory and Good of Masonry and of Mankind.

These statistics are interesting:

Master Masons in the United States of date of May, 1927, total the enormous number of 3,229,954.

Grand Orator Haseman said in his thoughtful oration:

I choose as my subject, "The Mind, a Working Tool."

In the onward march of mankind through the ages, this growth in knowledge and moral ideals has been an evolutionary one, with steady progress forward.

The mind grows by properly directed thought. As it develops the individual acquires power in reasoning and weighing values.

Is it not equally important that we, as modern Masons, cherish and urge progress in that quality most valued by our ancient Brethren—the power of thought?

The development of the power of thought and the accumulation of knowledge are necessary and satisfying, but not sufficient. They must be directed into channels that help men to live.

Keep the mind active. Give it the opportunity it seeks to grow.

The Grand Representative of Canada did not respond.

Bro. Cutts replied to the welcome accorded, saying:

These are the forces that make for greater and kindlier tolerance; these are the forces that encourage a spirit of co-operation; they make for clean thinking and high living and so produce a type of splendid manhood whose great joy in life is to be found in faithful unselfish service to God and one's fellow man.

Many pages suggesting and recording changes in the code, compiled by the late Bro. Vanderlieth are printed and are most interesting. They include the questionnaire or list of interrogatories submitted by the Grand Master as a form for the report of Committees of investigation, most thorough and searching, and we submit, necessary.

The Memorial tributes paid the late Grand Secretary with his picture are indeed worthy. They close with verses of which this is one.

Until the shadow from the earth is cast,
Until he gathers in His sheaves at last,
Until the twilight gloom is overpast,
Good-night.

Membership 2,890. Net gain 169.

In the list of Grand Representatives that of Canada in Nevada is vacant. Brother W. R. Ledger of Toronto, the well known Scribe E. of The St. Patrick Chapter, represents Nevada.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is by Frank D. King, Grand Secretary.

He says in his thoughtful introduction:

That which follows in this volume, is prepared for the Masons of the State of Nevada. It is presented to them with the hope that therein may be contained something worth the time of such as may read it. Since each individual reader will be equipped with tastes, interests, needs and opportunities different from those of each of the other readers, it follows that there is herein contained material of many kinds, each specific portion thereof being intended to make an appeal different from that of other specific portions.

No apology is offered either for the extracts from other books as a wise borrower hath more wisdom than a poor composer, and whosoever has not made this discovery is not wise.

The first and paramount aim of religion is not to prepare for another world, but to make the best of this one; or, in other words, to make this world better, wiser and happier.

The temple made of wood and stone may crumble and decay,
But there's a viewless Fabric which shall never fade away;
Age after age the Masons strive to consummate the Plan,
But still the work's unfinished which th' immortal Three began;
None but immortal eyes may view, complete in all its parts,
The Temple formed of LIVING STONES—the structure made of hearts.

Under Indiana we read:

The character and efficiency of Freemasonry is determined by the character and efficiency of the individual Master Mason. Therefore, a petition for our degrees should not be accepted from any man unless he is a moral upright man, and a loyal, law-abiding citizen.

Texas gives him ample scope for comment. He says:

The solicitors have persisted in representing that the Klan was the "next step in Masonry" It develops that hundreds of Masons have quit the lodges because of the interference of this Klan propaganda.

But the Grand Master has been the man for the hour.
Out there in the road, that goes by the house
Where the poet is singing his song,
I'll walk and I'll work midst the heat of the day,
And I'll help falling brothers along—
Too busy to live in the house by the way,
And my heart sings its praise to the Master of all,
Who is helping me serve in the road.

He kindly says of our review under Canada:

We regret very much to see the report of Brother Ponton, who writes the review, abbreviated. He gathers a great deal of information for the brethren in his jurisdiction.

He quotes, as most Reviewers do, a large part of Grand Master Rowland's splendid address.

Under Quebec he notes that recognition was withheld from the Grand Lodge of Vienna.

Guatemala is reviewed at length:

This Grand Lodge session was held in Masonic Temple, Guatemala, Central America. (Simply stating this for the reason some of you might not know where Guatemala is located. Simply for information. Please take no offense, The Grand Master writes and delivers an open hearted address and by the same proves himself a broad-minded Mason.

In his conclusion he says:

The knell has sounded, the bell has been rung, the Grand Secretary has issued his fiat. Get it into the hands of the printer before night casts its sable folds about you.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Bela Kingman, M.W. Grand Master.

Grand Lodge met for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of the public library, and several Grand Lodges of Instruction were also held.

Semi-Annual Communication was held in Manchester, December 28, 1926.

The three degrees were exemplified for the instruction of the Worshipful Brethren.

The Annual Communication was held in Concord, May 18, 1927. Eight Past Grand Masters graced the East.

Canada was represented by Bro. Halsey C. Edgerton.

The Grand Master at the beginning of his address pays tribute to those who have passed away and quotes the following:

Another boat has left the shore;
Kinder souls on board had she,
Than ever left the land before.
As on her outward course she bends,
Sit closer, friends.

He sent this greeting to the Commandery at Christmas:

This is well, since the lodge is the corner-stone upon which all the other Masonic bodies are built. It must remain true, else the others crumble with it.

The Florida and Mississippi disasters received generous contributions. He says of the Masonic Service Association that he is convinced that it is one of the greatest assets of the Craft at large and this is how it appeals to us in Canada.

He reports upon the Grand Master's Conference, at which 36 Grand Lodges were represented.

The Masonic Bulletin is well worthy of all praise.

The Masonic Home is a source of pride to every devoted Mason.

With regard to Grand Secretary Harry M. Cheney, who is well known everywhere, he treats of some of his special characteristics in a eulogistic and humorous vein. We quote:

Now with aereated whiskers, and a brilliant old grey head,
And that true blue heart a beating, it may be truly said,
This symphony of color needs a tie of lively red.

With regard to Masons who attempt jokes at the expense of candidates he says:

They tend to destroy, in advance, the impressive lessons which the ritual seeks to teach. Perhaps unintentionally, these would-be side line comedians are really ridiculing the sublime ceremonies.

Membership 15,440. Increase 165.

At the time of publication the late R.W. Bro. John A. Cowan was New Hampshire's Representative. He died universally lamented.

Foreign Correspondence is again in the capable and friendly hands of Harry M. Cheney, Grand Secretary. In his introduction he says:

This is the twenty-first and successive report I have prepared for you. Thus have I reached a Correspondent's majority. It is not everybody who hangs on for so long a time, but inasmuch as I have sought relief and been denied it, I decline to apologize.

Every where the Masonic household seems to be well ordered. Our life is being lived in the natural yet progressive way.

News is upon these pages, but, if there is nothing else, mark the paper as being a downright failure.

Under Alabama he comments:

My, but this Grand Master does pepper the incompetent secretaries of some of his lodges. There is indeed too much of incompetency and carelessness in this most important station.

He quotes this with approval from Alberta:

The Grand Master in his address where he comments on this Review work, estimated that the time required would occupy at least three months working eight hours per day. We, from our limited experience would say that he might add another month and then be within the time.

And says under British Columbia:

He has opinions, to which he tenaciously clings. That suits us, always. We love to encounter men who have reached judgments of their own, who are willing to state them, who are ready to defend them, if need be.

We still believe that in all things, for itself, the Grand Lodge of British Columbia is final. There is no power above or beyond it. It has its equals. But it has no superiors. It alone may and must decide for itself, what are Masonic Landmarks. If this be not so, then we have no anchorage.

We thank him for his kindly review of Canada.

Of the Reports of our District Deputies he repeats a comment frequently made in other Grand Jurisdictions and yet they are of topical interest:

We believe that we are safe in stating these reports are the most voluminous in Masonic literature.

This is put mighty well, when the Grand Master states that we are often admonished to guard the outer door, but, in

his opinion, a knowledge of Freemasonry is the greatest safeguard. In faulty and partial interpretations he sees our greatest danger.

Several rulings were reported. Among them was one that the Master of a lodge is the one to appoint committees. That is the very way our Masonic godfathers educated us.

Twenty-four amendments to the constitution were adopted. That almost bordered upon its re-writing.

A committee has been named to arrange a program for their seventy-fifth anniversary. Taking up a thing like that four years in advance means that they will have a program.

Of our Review he generously finds space to give this very encouraging report:

Many of our lines are reproduced. We find in none of them anything for which we are at all inclined to apologize.

Indeed, they seem to look better, in his framing, than in the original text. It is written that the work of reviewing in New Hampshire is in experienced and friendly hands. All in all he gives much of our jurisdiction to his home folks.

Under Connecticut we find:

Now our feet are elevated. Things passing in the street do not attract our attention. Noises do not distract us. Callers are not over welcome. The telephone is unanswered. We forget mealtime. This is because we have struck the Correspondence. Now we have arrived and an annual delight is our portion. Blessed be Grand Secretary Kies for the rich stuff he gives us from out his unique yet finely Masonic mind.

Florida gives him this opportunity:

But of all things their Home excites within them the greatest pride. Upon this and upon their spacious Temple in Jacksonville there is no debt. Freedom from financial burden permits them to face future duties with determination.

And Georgia this:

The tendency to have degree teams is stoutly condemned by the Grand Master.

It was urged in the address that all lodges having less than thirty members be required to surrender their charters. It is true that under the American system such a lodge is a weak member, but over in England, where they do things in a different way, such a lodge would be looked upon as being about right in its membership.

Quebec attracts all Reviewers and Bro. Cheney writes:

An appeal was spoken to the Grand Lodge for financial assistance in the care of children who have been discharged from the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children. We feel that that is a problem for the Shrine. The latter, for the glory of its task, ought to find a way to complete that which it has so wonderfully begun and continued.

Under Vermont he gives this thoughtful outlook and retrospect:

The new has come to stay, until it, in the interpretation of our life and efforts, shall in turn pass on it. We cannot avoid progress, we cannot stifle our visions, if we are to have any excuse for our organic life.

Wisconsin strikes a responsive chord:

Among other things he states that Masonic Homes are being maintained almost everywhere; that while this is not the most economical way of caring for our own it seems to be the most popular. We would like to add to that that it also seems to be the most sure way of doing a duty. It also visualizes the desire to do a duty, and that brings satisfaction.

NEW JERSEY

William B. Mackey, M.W. Grand Master.

Emergent Communications were held for laying corner-stones and performing the rites over the remains of Past Grand Masters.

The One Hundred and fortieth Annual Communication was held at Trenton, April 20, 1927.

Sixteen Past Grand Masters honoured Grand Lodge by their faithful attendance.

Canada was as usual, well represented by M.W. Bro. Ernest A. Reed.

One verse of the opening ode always sung at Grand Lodge is:

> This is the Day of light,
> Let there be light to-day;
> O Dayspring, rise upon our night,
> And chase its gloom away.

New Jersey is full of harmony:

At this point, and interspersed throughout the annual address of the Grand Master, a number of very pleasing musical selections were given by Crescent Temple Chanters.

In the Grand Master's address we read:

In a spirit of peace and harmony, and, profiting by our experience of the past, may we plan for a bigger, better and more useful future.

> 'Tis the front towards life that matters most—
> The tone, the point of view.
> The constancy that in defeat
> Remains untouched and true.

The Feast of St. John the Evangelist was duly celebrated.

Of the Sojourners' Club, Fort Bayard, N.M., the Grand Master says:

This Club is composed of Masonic brethren located at the United States Government Hospital, where they have erected a suitable club house, which is maintained and supported by voluntary contributions from the various branches of Masonry.

Fraternal relief most worthy, as well as moderate entertainment, is carried on by the Club among the Masonic brethren, located at this hospital.

With regard to the individuals composing the Eastern Star the Grand Master said:

Woman's heart beats responsive to the same inspiration that arouses men to noble deeds, and prompts them to associate themselves with others in rendering assistance to the needy.

Of visible physical defects and candidates he thus writes:

Care should also be exercised that we do not accept those whose physical condition is such that they will in all probability become a charge upon the Fraternity. Wherever a doubt exists, it should be decided in favor of the Craft.

He glories in the new dormitory for the boys at the Masonic Home at Burlington and says:

You cannot come in contact with the activities of the Home without experiencing a desire to find a way to increase and expand its usefulness.

To listen to the requests for admission, coming in behalf of little children, or old folks, many of whom are past 70 and without any visible means of support, makes you wish it were possible to find room for all.

Nowhere have we seen the fair dealing of laws of the Craft better emphasized than in this paragraph:

During the past year four violations of our law on this subject came to my attention. In three instances, it was so-called "Square Clubs" or "Fellowship Clubs", and in the other instance a Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star. In all but one instance, they had proceeded with their plans and arranged for a bazaar or had printed books containing chance tickets on an automobile, all of which were being conducted in the name of Masonry, and in three instances were for the purpose of raising funds to build a Masonic Temple. The other requested permission to chance off six Hamilton watches, which was intended to increase their treasury for the purpose of holding ladies' night and a picnic. Needless to say, permission was denied, and fortunately all were discovered in time to prevent their consummation.

I am personally of the opinion that if as Masons we cannot afford to hold ladies' night or picnics, we should do without them rather than disgrace the fair name of Masonry by resorting to a lottery and asking the public to pay for our own selfish, personal entertainment.

Likewise, I believe if a community desires to erect a Masonic Temple, there should be sufficient interest on the part of our own members to finance it by contributing to its cost,

or else be content to deny themselves the pleasure of a new building until such time as they can, and I have very little respect for any group of Masons who attempt to excuse themselves by declaring that "any wheels of chance that may be used or chance tickets sold will be under the name and supervision of the Order of Eastern Star."

Under Masonic Bureau he says:

I cannot believe that it will be a safe experiment for Masonry to undertake, along institutional lines, regardless of how worthy the object, any organized effort that would supplant the initiative of the individual in providing for himself and family. To do so is to encourage him to lean upon or look to us as a source from which to constantly secure employment.

The Grand Master thus concludes:

Not its accumulated wealth, the splendor or luxuriousness of its entertainments, nor magnitude of numbers, will save it from the effacement of time, or give it a place in the glorious galleries of history.

R.W. Bro. W. S. Solomon of Providence, whose hospitable entertainment of this Reviewer is well remembered, gave some interesting facts.

Shortly after my arrival I had the pleasure of meeting our Grand Representative, who made reference to the fact that Rhode Island had sponsored a lodge in Germany during the World War. I told him that it had been my great pleasure to have been the organizer of that lodge and to have been actively identified with Masonic affairs while in the Army of Occupation at Coblenz.

Rhode Island through the coming of Roger Williams was the first colony in America to establish a republican form of government and to insist upon a complete separation of church and state. The so-called "lively experiment" has been in effect since 1636 and has been the basis of all democratic form of government in this country. Rhode Island is also proud of the fact that it was the first colony to declare its independence which was effective May 4, 1776, just two months prior to the general Declaration of Independence. Rhode Island is also proud of the fact that it was the first state to establish a free public school system.

Membership 89,597. Net gain 3,367.

Total receipts for Masonic Home $587,658.

At the next session of Grand Lodge there was delivered by M.W. Bro. Frank L. Simpson, Grand Master of Massachusetts, one of those scholarly addresses which have made his Jurisdiction famous. We must share with our Brethren several paragraphs from this most unusual response of a welcome visitor:

Brethren, I do very sincerely and honestly appreciate your hospitality, but I am not going to make such admissions as my distinguished Brother from Connecticut has made here. Being

a member of the bar, I adhere to the fundamental principles of the profession; I admit nothing, deny everything and demand proof. I have not tasted your hospitality—I have experienced it.

I have been very much impressed in recent years by a study and survey of our Craft and of the almost imperceptible but nevertheless tremendous change which it seems to me has come over the attitude, not only of our members, but of those who like yourselves, are charged with the responsibility of administration and of determination of policy.

A survey made in Massachussets has disclosed that while the population of the State has increased since 1870 threefold, the Masonic membership in Massachusetts in the same period of time has increased sixfold—just double the ratio of increase of the population.

I think the most significant part of the situation of 1717 that produced, in my judgment, the Grand Lodge system, was a condition fairly comparable in its broad aspects with those which prevail in the world to-day, even though the detail varies remarkably, between the conditions of 1927 and the conditions of 1717. But it is perfectly certain—if we are going to talk about landmarks and ancient traditions—it is perfectly certain that the conditions which produced organized Masonry of 1717, were conditions which aimed at the development of a certain type of mind and a certain type of character in the individual man.

The Grand Lodge of England did not establish its schools until 1788, when the girls' school was founded,—the boys' schools being founded ten years later, and the home for aged Masons at a considerably later period of time.

Let us test it for a moment, because it seems to me that of all the problems that confront Masonry to-day there is none more serious than the question of whether Maonry shall continue as an Institution to train the individual man to certain fundamental and simple truths, or become a great welfare or philanthropic institution.

It seems to me that the Craft can do well to consider that the ancient purposes of Masonry have been a tremendous influence in this world of ours, not only for philanthropy and benevolence and charity, but for the establishment of free institutions, and it may be a dangerous experiment for us to depart from a policy which has produced or has helped to produce such results.

And, therefore, it strikes me, and has for some time appeared to me, that the most serious problem that Masonry is confronted with, other than that of a possible shift of its ground, is the sort of thing that we shall do to inform our Brethren, those who are coming to us year by year, of the ancient and traditional purposes. Call it education if you please: call it what you please. There has been a growing sense on the part of those who are most interested and most experienced

that that sort of education—that sort of instruction of the membership of our Craft, as shall equip them to steer the ship to the true course, is an emergency need of this Institution.

After the Report of the Committee on the honoured dead the Necrology ode was sung, the first verse being:

At evening time let there be light;
Life's little day draws near its close,
Around me fall the shades of night,
The night of death, the grave's repose.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence report as to Egypt that recognition be deferred.

Recognition of Mexico was also deferred.

The Committee on Masonic Service, of which Rev. A. Boylan Fitzgerald is Chairman, made an encouraging report:

This has gone to prove the fact that Masons do enjoy devoting time to the basic things of Masonry and to obtain a more thorough knowledge of her tremendous altruistic program.

As usual the George Washington Memorial takes up many pages and we respectfully submit and we think we are backed by the sober thought of many of our Brethren in the United States, that the language of the conclusion of the Committee's report is somewhat nationally exaggerated and not calculated to enlist that practical co-operative enthusiasm which is required. We in Canada honor the name of Washington, and also many of our own British Statesmen, but we do not go into ecstasies over them:

As we lay our laurels once more at the Shrine of him who stands first in the annals of our Republic, we realize the inadequancy of speech to translate mighty thoughts into words that shall fittingly convey their meaning.

We are encouraged, however, by the fact that eulogy never grows wearisome and that repetition never becomes stale in sounding the praises of George Washington, whose inestimable services to country and humanity transcend the limitations of langugage.

This mighty republic thrills with patriotic fervor and the horizon of Freedom is widened everywhere at mention of his name.

We are glad to note that some of the investments of the Masonry Charity Foundation and excellent ones they appear to be, are debentures of the City of Trenton and the City of Belleville (N.J.)

For purposes of comparison we transcribe the following generous record:

Resolved, That the usual appropriation of $500.00 be made to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and also a special appropriation of $100.00 be made for translations as heretofore.

At the installation of Grand Master Cruse this ode was sung:

Spirit of truth and love,
Descending from above,
Our hearts inflame,
Till Masonry's control,
Shall build from pole to pole
A temple of the soul,
To Thy great name.

The new G.M. said:

In Freemasonry we tell a candidate that his charity is to be as extensive as the universe. We practice the rite of destitution and are familiar with the situation in which we are utterly destitute, to teach us an important lesson in charity. The best evidence of our response to the teaching of this rite of destitution is the Masonic Home and Charity Foundation.

William H. Day, of Guelph represents New Jersey.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence is composed of Ernest A. Reed, William S. Hunt and William Van Eerde.

British Columbia comes in for great praise:

If any better code has been enunciated than this we have not seen it.

If Freemasonry then is not of the lodge room alone what is its extent?

That would be a good query for every Master to point out to his lodge at every communication. And the answer is found for himself by each Mason and the right answer is the Word each Mason seeks.

Brother De Wolf-Smith is struck by the fact that New Jersey's reviewer was so impressed by the great distances British Columbia's Grand Master travels. He must remember that once around the Grand Jurisdiction of New Jersey would only be a stroll in his land of magnificent distances.

Of Canada's Grand Master it is said that his address was a message of inspiration and encouragement, of breadth and of dignity calculated to quicken the pulse and to renew faith in our own future. We all appreciate this tribute. The review further says:

Grand Master Rowland believes that the lodge that passes on to the Grand Lodge its obligations to its members and forgets them is wasting its opportunity.

We wish it were possible to reproduce every word of the admirable report of the Board on Condition of Masonry, headed by R.W. Thomas Shanks. It is most illuminating.

In Correspondence Review he chronicles the doings of the Craft throughout the world of regular Masonry in a spirit of friendly good cheer that is positively contagious.

Brother Ponton refers to the Reviewers as members of "the League of Good Cheer" and closes his report with these words:

"May we all of the League of Good Cheer be millionaires in dividends paid in the love of friends. So mote it be."

Guatemals, Central America, is seldom found among the Reviews.

We make these excerpts:

Regular Masonry in Guatemala is an exacting institution. It is a beehive in which there is no room for drones; but where a place is provided for those who are willing to labor earnestly for the advancement of Masonic ideals and for the good of humanity.

Thirty-two delegates were present, representing the eighteen lodges that constitute this Grand Jurisdiction.

The visits of the Grand Master took him to New York, where he visited lodges working in English, Spanish and German languages, "superficially different, but all agreeing on the great ideal which is Masonry."

The benevolences of the brethren are many and allocated to the assistance of Mason and non-Mason alike. Among them we find listed substantial contributions to the Red Cross.

Holland also is another rare friend and from their review we take the following:

The Deputy Grand Master stated that Freemasons in the land of Grotius can but feel that international union must come in the interest of our Fraternity, universal peace and humanity and expressed the hope that the time may not be distant when the various Grand Jurisdictions will enter into closer union.

After a full discussion it was decided to withdraw from membership in the International Masonic Association, whenever the representatives should perceive that the prevailing spirit of the convention is incompatible with the principles of the Grand Lodge of Holland. The proposal of the Grand Lodge of Vienna, concerning the formation of a Pan-European Peace Union was received with interest, but the time for united action in the matter has evidently not arrived.

The American Grand Lodges, with which the Grand Lodge of Holland maintains fraternal relations are those of Columbia, Illinois, New Jersey, New York, Nevada, North Carolina, Louisiana, Canada, New Brunswick and Manitoba.

Of Iowa, New Jersey says:

The beautiful thing about this massive Iowa collection is that it works and works hard, an end too infrequently attained by libraries.

And this from New Zealand:

We were interested in a letter of appreciation that was read from the president of the American Battleship Masonic Club conveying high appreciation for fraternal hospitality extended during a recent visit of the fleet.

The whole Review is fine.

NEW MEXICO

Herbert B. Holt, M.W. Grand Master.

Several Special Communications were held for the purpose of laying corner-stones of new Public and High School Buildings and for the purposes of conducting the funeral services of two Past Grand Masters.

The Forty-ninth Annual Communication was held in Aztec Lodge Hall, Las Cruces, February 21, 1927.

Mayor Kelso, P.M. of Aztec Lodge welcomed Grand Lodge on behalf of the City as well as of the entire Mesilla Valley.

The Grand Master pointed out that this was the 75th anniversary of Montezuma Lodge and the 60th of Chapman Lodge, both of which preceded the formation of Grand Lodge.

This record of progress is made by him:

When the Grand Lodge was organized, the total membership of the three constituent Lodges which composed it, was only 143. At our half-century mile stone, our Grand Lodge is composed of fifty-six Constituent Chartered Lodges, and has one Lodge U.D.; and its total membership on December 31st, 1926, was 6,578; and during the intervening years, the true spirit and meaning of Maonry has been taught, developed and practiced, and the sphere of our activities has so broadened that our membership is actuated by an eager desire to render real service to the Fraternity and to humanity. Thus hath our growth and strength increased, until to-day we occupy a conspicuous position among the Fraternity of our country, because of our pronounced advocacy of relief work, and the organization of the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association, for the purpose of providing a legal entity to receive and administer funds for the relief and hospitalization of our Brethren and the members of their families who are afflicted with tuberculosis, without regard to Jurisdictional lines.

He points out that there are 21 surviving Past Grand Masters.

The D.D.G.M's of the 15 Districts all made hopeful reports.

Among his decisions the Grand Master reported the following:

I refused to grant dispensation to confer the Third Degree upon Brother Wills, jr., in less than a lunar month from the date on which he received his Second Degree, he being a student at the Roswell Military Academy and being desirous of being raised before leaving for Training Camp; deeming that the reason assigned for the request did not indicate the existence of such an emergency as to justify the exercise of the Grand Master's prerogative.

May the Grand Lodge be convened on Sunday for the laying of a corner-stone?

Held: No.

He was also asked for a dispensation to hold a joint installation of the officers of a constituent lodge and those of the Eastern Star. He referred them to the By-laws. Comment is unnecessary.

Of the Sojourners' Club of Fort Bayard he says:

The conduct of the affairs of the Sojourners' Club at Fort Bayard, during the past year has been eminently smooth and satisfactory. and its record has been one of accomplishment and of genuine relief and service.

The Masonic Relief Fund is well administered:

During the past year there have been rather heavy demands upon our Masonic Relief Fund; and there has developed an evident tendency upon the part of our constituent lodges, to cast upon that fund the entire burden of expenditure for the relief of each case. The tendency has obtruded itself to an extent which suggests the propriety of a definite declaration of policy upon the part of this Grand Lodge in the administration of this Fund.

He devoted an entire month to an Eastern trip for the purpose of visiting Grand Jurisdictions and Grand Officers for the relief of tubercular Brethren and members of their families. Of the Masonic Service Association and of co-operation he says:

We have received substantial benefit from the Association in the field of relief work. The meeting of the Masonic Service Association gave full endorsement to the work of tuberculosis relief.

I am very happy to report that during the year twenty-six Grand Masters became sufficiently interested in our project to accept service upon our Board of Governors, or to appoint a representative to serve upon same.

In the name of our sacred and binding obligations, and in the name of our afflicted Brethren from whom is emanating the Grand Hailing Sign of Distress, I implore the Masonic leaders of thought and action to extend to our Brethren this opportunity to practice the great teachings of our Fraternity and to aid in financing this humanitarian movement.

Surely this appeal has the ring of sincerity and will be responded to.

He gives great praise to the health work of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and he concludes with this final call in the subject which is most vitally present to our New Mexican Brethren who are literally "invaded" by the Tubercular of other Jurisdictions:

It has fallen to our lot to speak for these Brethren of our "Grand Lodge of Sorrow". They are a great, inarticulate mass, scattered in thousands of homes throughout this great, free and wealthy land of ours. They cannot personally make their plea to the Fraternity. Therefore, in their name we have made a plea to the Masons of America to stretch forth their hands to aid our fallen Brethren and to assist in raising them again, to stand among us as men and Masons.

In the great true heart of American Freemasonry is to be found the answer to our appeal.

Membership 6,578. Net gain 25.

John Milne, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence reports:

We often look far afield for outstanding events in the Masonic world, but the past year Masonic history has been made in our own jurisdiction by the splendid work of our Grand Master in laying the foundation of the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association.

The Committee say as to one phase of their work:

It is generally conceded that contentment of mind is one of the greatest factors in the treatment of tuberculosis. The Sojourners' Club has tried to bring this contentment to our disabled ex-service men through its entertainment program.

And as to the Sojourners' Club the following:

It must convince any reader of the wonderfully effective character of the relief work being carried on by the Sojourners' Club in extending to our afflicted Brethren and to others who are far removed from home and friends not only financial relief, but the helping hand, the fraternal greeting, the touch of home life and home surroundings which means so much to the sick, under such conditions.

Canada is not included in the reviews of Foreign Correspondence.

Under Arizona he quotes:

Grand Master Dworak submitted ten points for the consideration of Masons. We give only No. 1: "That all regular Grand Lodges now in existence shall grant recognition to each other to enable them to strengthen their fraternal ties and relations for their common interests."

Perhaps they are as nearly right as some of us who hold opposite views on this matter.

British Columbia is well reviewed:

All matters coming before the Grand Lodge are handled in a clear cut concise fashion. All discipline cases are reported but blanks appear for the names of persons involved. This is as it should be.

He quotes the following from Florida regarding New Mexico which summarizes the situation:

For many years New Mexico has been a common meeting ground between the East and West and as a natural result this commonwealth is annually called upon to consider many cases of relief and distress and the Masonic fraternity of this State has grandly lived up to its principal tenets of Brotherly love and relief.

Oklahoma thus sets the pace in one of our proper functions:

The high schools of Ohio very frequently have the square and compass on the corner stone. The Grand Lodge held five Emergent Communications for this purpose during the year.

Of the subject, of necessity, by contact uppermost in the minds of all he thus comments under Virginia:

We might suggest to Virginia that their tuberculosis work would be more effective if those afflicted could be transferred to the health giving sunshine of the Southwest. There are still many doctors who say that climate is not a factor in the cure of this disease. When we see them brought to the Southwest on stretchers and later return to robust health we refuse to believe even when the doctors say that climate is not a factor.

NEW YORK

M.W. Brother Harold J. Richardson, Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. Robert Judson Kenworthy, Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and forty-sixth Annual Communication was opened in Grand Lodge room, New York, May 3, 1927.

Nine Past Grand Masters were faithful in attendance.

Canada was as usual, represented by M.W. Bro. Thomas Penney.

To illustrate the cosmopolitan nature of New York's relationships with the Grand Jurisdictions of the world, we note that Grand Representatives were also present representing Bulgaria, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, Guatemala, Haiti, Panama, Peru, Prussia, Roumania, Turkey, Vienna and others.

The invocation by Grand Chaplain S. Parkes Cadman is of course worthy of his wide reputation as a leader. We cannot do better than reproduce for our Brethren some paragraphs of the prayer that must have created an atmosphere for the meeting:

The miracle of friendship is resurgent around our hearts. We gather from near and far not only from this Empire State but from the places in which Thou hast located our beloved brotherhood and established the mystic cords of union and fraternity that shall yet bind the world to Thy throne in golden chains.

Remember our unfortunate Brethren in other parts of the world. May we not wrap ourselves around in a fatuous complacency but maintain in us the spirit of sympathy which outreaches beyond all locality and knows no frontier but is found active and helpful wherever suffering exists and the wounded one is in the ditch.

Save the seat of Justice which is the last defense of our democracy from the pollution of corrupt journalism and sensation mongers and may we still uphold the banner of our freedom in the air of purity of devotion.

We say in these our prayers, grant to us the wisdom which cometh from above, which maketh rich and addeth no sorrow to these our deliberations, that when the gavel shall fall and the lodge shall pass once more for a time into abeyance so far as active legislation is concerned, it shall have added to its strength and beauty pillars and lilywork ornaments which Thou hast placed in the Temple of our Faith and which cannot be removed; and this we ask with Thy benediction.

Grand Master Richardson's address was a master piece and this Reviewer remembers well his address in New York on a Maundy Thursday several years ago before he attained the Grand East.

We must reproduce as many paragraphs of his appeal as space will possibly permit:

Let us hope that our labors together may leave at least one more stone firmly placed in our temple of world brotherhood.

That temple is building and built upon, slowly raising its walls of manhood, buttressed on the solid foundations of the sovereignty of the Supreme Architect of the Universe as exemplified in the Holy Bible, crowned by the domes and spires of aspiration toward that which is noble, and graced by a kindly good will toward all men of every tribe, and kindred, and tongue.

I believe our greatest task to be the proper engineering of our forces, to the end that Freemasonry may discharge its maximum influence in the lives of each individual member and in the world. Engineering, like its sister word machinery, has a hard, metallic sound, and seems vacant of inspiration; yet it is as inspiring to think of as the hopes that make us men, if we keep in mind its purpose, and remember that the efficient management of our organization will make for increased tolerance, charity, sweetness, and good will in the lives of men.

Freemasonry is a life to be lived not a formality to be perfunctorily observed, not a set of empty creeds to which lip service is given. It is a life grounded in religion, organized in morality, mellowed by good fellowship, humanized in charity, and dedicated to service. Responsive to these high sanctions we turn to the duties before us.

Great praise is given to our inimitable R.W. Bro. William J. Wiley for the sterling, self-sacrificing manner in which he superintends our Home, and to Mrs. Wiley, his strong right arm, and the Mother of the Home.

These visits serve to impress on us with increasing emphasis year by year the fact that our Home and grounds have been developed into a lovely place, the broad lawns, various trees, abundant shrubbery, and multitudinous flowers expressing to the eye the beauty of the spirit of charity which is the motive and inspiration of it all. What such surroundings mean in the lives of the young people growing up there, and to what extent they solace the last years of those spending their

old age under our care, only the Sovereign Grand Architect can measure.

In its foreign activities—they are "foreign" in a geographical sense only—our Grand Lodge seeks not to hinder but to help. It never intrudes, for it lends a hand only where it is invited. Its department of foreign work—under the direction of its Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and administered constantly by a staff employed by that Committee—is a clearing-house of inter-Jurisdictional affairs without which our own domestic interests would be seriously handicapped. The work of that department is not a fad but a fact; not a hobby but a necessity; and without it our Masonry at home would be shorn of much of its vitality.

Masonry in certain countries abroad is now faced with a life-or-death crisis. It is not for us to legislate for them or to take toward them a position of superior wisdom; nevertheless, the fact remains that in some of those countries the crisis has arisen partly because various elements have flouted the Landmarks so as to introduce the factional elements of sectarianism and political controversy into assemblies of the Craft, thereby placing themselves outside the pale of ancient, regular Masonry, and inviting opposition from civil powers and authorities.

The Foreign Corespondence department carries on its work throughout the year by voluminous correspondence, but there are conditions arising now and then that call for personal contact or investigation at first hand. In my judgment such conditions have now arisen in some four or five countries requiring that representatives of our Foreign Correspondence Committee shall visit them.

Gradually our old dream of a universal brotherhood of Freemasons begins to take shape, after a long gestation period.

Under the heading French Masonry we are interested to read the following:

There is need of no other argument than the facts, to show that the Grand Orient and the Grand Lodge of France have placed themselves outside the bounds of Freemasonry and that the Co-Masonic Order never was Masonic.

There is still another body, known as the National Grand Lodge of France, which some consider the only regular Masonry in France. I shall ask the Committee on Foreign Correspondence to make a full investigation and then report their recommendations to Grand Lodge next year.

Clandestinism from the broader aspect is thus forcibly condemned:

But there is another kind of clandestinism which has become very active in the past year among the brethren of our own membership. This is due chiefly, I take it, to the uncontrolled and excessive multiplication of organizations which

claim connection with Masonry because admission to them is predicated upon the applicant's being a Master Mason of good standing in a Symbolic Lodge.

Resolved, That the law applying to participation in clandestine activities held under the guise of Masonry shall be enforced in all parts of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York.

Financial Reconstruction presents itself as a problem to New York, as to other great growing Jurisdictions. He says:

The essence of the proposed plan consists of introducing the principle of flexibility to take the place of the old principle of rigidity. The present Grand Lodge tax will remain as now, as a minimum which we all know will be required in the future for the inevitable fixed charges of Grand Lodge.

He approves of plural membership and Grand Lodge agreed with him:

Of the result of good constructive labour done by special Committees he thus speaks:

I recomend to you that we effect a consolidation of the Grand Lodge Committees and activities above referred to: to wit, that the office of Grand Librarian and the Committees on Antiquities, Education, Publication and Employment be discontinued and that hereafter their several functions be placed in the care of a committee of nine, to be called the Board of General Activities, its members to be appointed on the stagger plan, three for three years, three for two years, and three for one year.

This committee should consist of Brethren especially qualified to handle the activities to be placed under their supervision.

A higher aspect of the Washington Memorial than that taken in most Jurisdictions follows:

A monumental structure of granite, simple but massive, made to endure for centuries to come, it will lift itself into the sky like a beacon, to remind all who see it that Freemasonry is here to guide and enlighten men in the ways of brotherhood and for no other purpose.

As such it will also be a national rallying-place to which Brethren of all the States may come to meet in fraternal relations with each other.

He says that charity is a landmark of the spirit of Masonry, as others are landmarks of its history or government.

He rules that no lodge has power to render itself financially liable for an extraneous organization and that it is unwise as well as unlawful for our lodges further to complicate their activities by gearing themselves into an outside activity

He recommends a hand book of Masonic etiquette for general use.

If drama based on ritual is dignified and seemly it may be approved, but any burlesque of the Standard Work is condemned.

Of Clubs and similar bodies he has a definite opinion thus expressed:

Many of our leaders whose hearts are in Masonry, in and of itself, entertain the thought that club activities sap the strength and scatter the efforts of Grand Lodge and of the constituent lodges, by reason of the constant demands put upon the membership. We are pounded too hard and hit too often for things entirely outside the pale of the Craft's welfare, due in large measure, I believe to the individual's desire for self glorification. We are supposed to work together for a common cause.

The Fraternal Correspondence Reports of all Jurisdictions are thus approved:

The work of our own Committee is especially noted for the amount of information concerning Grand Lodges abroad which it incorporates in its Report. I recommend to every Brother that he find opportunity to read the Report this year, alike for the interest he will find in it and because it will furnish him with a bird's eye view of the activities of the whole Fraternity.

From his worthy conclusion we take the following excerpts:

A Grand Master is like a watchman on a tower, set to look across a vast countryside, and thereby better able than otherwise to see Masonry steadily and to see it whole. If you ask your watchman, "How goes the hour?" he replies, "All is well!"

The problem to require our sagest experience, our ripest statesmanship, is the problem, How is Masonry to do its proper work in the world?

The signs of the time show the possibility of dangerous divisions being opened up across American life, resulting in class being set against class, in religious conflict, an increase of racial prejudice, and an increasing cynicism as regards our Constitution, our form of national government, and the ideals bequeathed to us by the fathers. It is Masonry's work to support and to inspire the forces that make for unity, and that bind men closer to men, and that bridge over the differences that lead to hatred and strife.

> You are not Brother just with these,
> Your friends and neighbors; you are kin
> With Masons down the centuries;
> This room that now you enter in
> Has felt the tread of many feet,
> For here all Masonry you meet.

Distinguished Grand Masters from other Jurisdictions stepped to the East together and received the grand honors together, and eloquently replied in this spirit:

There's nothing cheers a fellow up just like a hearty greeting, a hand clasp, an honest smile, that flash the joy of meeting; and when on friendly doors you knock, somehow it seems to free you from all life's toils, to hear that shout, "Come in, we're glad to see you."

Membership 329,295, an increase of over 8,000 for the year.

The Judge Advocate, our old friend R.W. Bro. Jerome L. Cheney, made a full and illuminating report from which we take the following:

It is the prerogative of the Master to determine whether the proficiency of candidates shall be ascertained from an examination in open lodge or by a committee appointed for that purpose. No objection to the method adopted by him need be respected and any by-law attempting to regulate his action is illegal and void.

What methods the Master shall use to satisfy himself as as to physical qualifications is a matter for him to determine and is not subject to the direction of the lodge.

The Committee on the Grand Master's address strike a high note of appreciation:

The phrase "All is well" resounds through it as a peal of silver bells calling the brotherhood to their highest and most solemn duties in regard to our fraternity. We desire to recommend to the Masters of Lodges here present that they take care to see that the Brethren in their lodges may share the emotional and intellectual refreshment which we in Grand Lodge have had from the reading of those words, which have so borne in upon the hearts and consciences of those of us who have had the pleasure of hearing it.

Senior Past Grand Master M.W. Bro. Vrooman addressed the Grand Lodge on the Flag:

Let us further resolve to promulgate in and out of the lodge that this is "Our Country." Not your Country nor my Country but OUR COUNTRY. That it is our Flag. Not your Flag nor my Flag but OUR ONE AND ONLY FLAG and if any man or woman desires to serve under two Flags let them select the one of their choice and then live and be loyal to that single one "Over Here or Over There".

From the Committee on Deceased Brethren we take this one sentence:

Time and death, the partners who operate leaving no more track than mist, must be reckoned with in the scheme of life.

The Committee on Employment Service placed in employment during 1927 no less than 5,130 Brethren, a splendid service.

The Grand Master was presented with the highest honour within the power of Massachusetts, namely, the Henry Price

Medal, which he fittingly acknowledged. This Reviewer is proud to wear this Medal, presented to him in Grand Lodge.

The Report on Grievances is, as in all Jurisdictions, a drama of tragedy and of justice done.

Of the New York Masonic "Outlook" and subscriptions Bro. Johnson delivered a crisp and effective address:

Brethren, through a lot of this we have sat, when we have advised our Brethren in the lodges that when they desired light and information they should speak with the better informed Brethren. Well, after you look for them, and while you can't find them, and hand them an Outlook, say "Brethren in the absence of a well-informed Brother in our own lodge, here we have the official medium of communication. The past, the present and the future of this Grand Jurisdiction of Masonry gentlemen, are presented to you. You said "I desire further light in Masonry". Here it is: two cents a week—a dollar a year—will do it. (Cries of "Good" and great applause.)

Grand Historian R.W. Bro. Ossian Lang in a wonderfully comprehensive prospect and retrospect lived up to his own high standard, which is the best praise. He devoted himself largely to the prosecution and conditions of Freemasons in Continental Europe and thus concluded:

Thoughtful American Brethren may find in the story suggestions for averting in our own country a similar menace—which is not beyond the range of possibility.

New York is represented by our esteemed and efficient Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. William M. Logan, of Hamilton.

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence is composed of three outstanding men and Masons, S. Nelson Sawyer, Arthur S. Tompkins and Arthur K. Kuhn, who in their introduction say:

The Proceedings of the various Grand Lodges have yielded more worth-while and interesting items than those of preceding years.

We cannot emphasize too strongly the value of the contents of this report to students of contemporary Masonic thought and action the world over. May we suggest to the Worshipful Masters that they invite interested and competent Brethren to select from this report such items as may impress them most and then to pass these on to the lodge. By a proper division of the material everything contained in this report may be presented during the year in spirited ten-to-twenty-minute talks one at each lodge communication.

Both classes of losses of members at bottom are traceable to two causes: One is carelessness in the admission of candidates who lack the qualities essential to a proper appreciation of Masonry; the other is inadequate attention to keeping their membership interested in Masonry by a convincing exemplification, in spirit and in fact as well as in form, of the teachings and worth-whileness of the Brotherhood.

Open-minded reflection in connection with the reading of the report herewith submitted cannot but strengthen our faith in the universality of Masonry, that its principles are adapted to every land and clime, and that never and nowhere does it have to yield up one iota of its central thought to have and to hold God-fearing men of every race.

Under Massachusetts we get a fine distinction:

Tolerance is something different from toleration. Tolerance is a principle; toleration is a method. The Canon said that he was not so keen on being tolerated as he was that in the spirit of tolerance they will respect the things in him with which they can not agree.

Canada is fully and favourably reviewed, the Reviewers saying of the Grand Master's address:

The Grand Master believes that the greatest danger to Masonry to-day springs from "the faulty and partial interpretation of it given by some of its membership and by bodies which have or claim to have a sort of connection with it".

They clip also a liberal extract which illustrates the power of the Craft for good. They say "a very fine report indeed is that on the Condition of Masonry". This Reviewer is indeed grateful for their encouraging words:

There is a right hearty ring to the Report by Bro. Ponton, whom we of New York regard as almost one of us and whose Masonic discernment and kindly comment always provide us with a feast of good things. His sixty-seven reviews supply a most helpful and interesting summary of the significant happenings and doings of the English-speaking Grand Lodges.

Nine pages are devoted to New York. The position taken with regard to the Masonic International Association is fully set forth by striking quotations.

This under Cuba is interesting:

He reviews with proud enthusiasm the rise of Cuban Masonry in the respect of the citizenship of Cuba and the many important public positions filled by distinguished Brethren of the Craft. Incidentally he refers to the initiation of a young employee of the government, which was made memorable by the presence of General Machado, President of the Republic of Cuba and an honored member of the Craft.

And this under Haiti:

The Grand Orient has begun the publication of a new series of *La Fraternite*, the monthly official periodical. One section is now edited in English, as quite a number of the U.S. Marines and naval, military and civil officers and employees, as well as English-speaking residents, are to be found among the membership of the lodges.

We find the following under Chile:

The establishment of a new lodge in Chilenian territory by the Grand Lodge of Scotland is mentioned with great tact. The hope is expressed that the question will be settled satisfactorily.

The Grand Master points out that the Representatives of foreign Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Chile may do much, if they will but try, to bring about a better understanding of the Chilenian Craft among the jurisdictions they represent.

And this under Venezuela:

The Grand Lodge of the United States of Venezuela is the only recognized Masonic authority there.

Greece furnishes an interesting review:

Fraternal relations with other jurisdictions have been extended, and they have become very cordial. The only exception is due to an invasion of territory by the Grand Lodge of France. Negotiations are under way to have this difficulty removed.

The Grand Master visited Egypt during the year, there to discuss with the Egyptian Brethren a project for the establishment of an International Masonic Bureau in the Near East.

New Lodges were established during the year, among them one on the Island of Chios and one on the Island of Crete.

The Grand Orient publishes a monthly periodical *Pythagoras.*

Under Egypt we find:

The Proceedings are printed in Arabic. Photographic reproductions are included of diplomas and certificates setting forth the recognitions extended to this National Grand Lodge of Egypt by various foreign jurisdictions.

As to a defeated Ruler we learn:

As the Sov. Gr. Commander of the Rite he expelled from the Supreme Council all who would not identify themselves with his schismatic body. The result was that a split similar to that which took place in Italy a number of years ago, took place in the Scottish Rite also.

New York has several lodges in Syria and Great Lebanon and with this interesting information we close this wonderful volume of Proceedings:

The Great Lebanon (*Grand Liban*) is a sovereign State, the same as is Syria. The Grand Lodge of New York has three Lodges in Beirut which now is included in the Great Lebanon, and one lodge in Damascus which is the principal city of Syria.

The Great Lebanon has approximately 700,000 inhabitants of whom 180,000 to 200,000 are Mohammedans. The great majority of the people are Christian.

NEW ZEALAND

His Excellency M.W. Bro. General Sir Charles Fergusson, Bart., Grand Master.

Colonel George Barclay, Grand Secretary.

Number of Lodges 288, membership 25,579.

The Thirty-eighth Annual Communication was held in Christchurch, 30th November, 1927, Pro Grand Master Russell on the throne.

Universal regret was expressed on account of the Grand Master's illness and telegrams were exchanged.

The Grand Master was re-elected.

The Board's report said:

It would be noted that there was a lesser income from initiations, but this decrease was a natural consequence of the industrial depression throughout the Dominion.

The total amount received for the Widows' and Orphans' and Aged Masons' Fund was £15,602.

This note was made:

Bro. Guiness said that although the country had passed through a time of financial stress, yet the contributions from lodges had not fallen below that of previous years.

Greetings were presented to H.R.H. the Duke of York.

A Reviewer has been appointed whose reviews will appear monthly in the "New Zealand Craftsman". £100 was appropriated for this purpose.

With regard to one of the deceased veterans of the Craft this reminiscent tribute is paid by the Committee:

Remember R.W. Bro. Wetherilt and the part he played in connection with the wreck of the "Eligamite" in 1902. Our late brother was, together with 15 other passengers, adrift on a raft for four days, and by his cheerfulness and hope materially assisted to hearten the castaways, until eventually they were picked up. Our brother had at the time two apples in his pocket which he carefully apportioned out, refusing to take any part himself.

A Juridical Board was appointed to assist the Grand Registrar, thus helping to secure continuity of policy.

On the installation of the Pro Grand Master and investiture of Officers the following odes and others were sung with trumpet calls intervening between the proclamations:

May our work, begun in Thee,
Ever blest with order be,
And may we, when labours cease,
Part in harmony and peace.
So mote it be.

May wisdom from on high
Bind fast our mystic tie,
So mote it be.
May we united stand,
And join throughout the land,
With apron, heart, and hand.
So mote it be.

O lead us by the light of Truth
To walk in wisdom's way
Thro' all the trying paths of life
To realms of endless day.

Grand Honours from the South.

Now raise again a joyous strain
And sing with hearty tone.
A welcome give to worthy men
And worthy men alone.

The Benevolent Fund now stands at a total of £82,801.

With regard to the Grand Master, whom the Pro Grand Master spoke of as "so illustrious a Brother and so keen a Freemason," he added the following, showing that no one is too great to serve:

I feel that the brethren will be pleased to know that our Most Worshipful Grand Master is also Worshipful Master of one of the new lodges formed in Wellington City, and shows the keenest interest in its working.

The representatives of many sister Grand Lodges tendered greetings to the Pro Grand Master but Canada was not among them.

All ceremonial meetings close with Kipling's "Recessional".

Many social functions followed and W. Bro. Rt. Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, Secretary of State for the Dominions and a Past Grand Master of Canada Lodge No. 3527 London, was introduced.

A special Communication was held February 8th, 1928, at Christchurch to instal the Grand Master, Sir Charles Fergusson, who having renewed his vows, was addressed as follows by M.W. Bro. Dougall:

Indeed, it would not be too much to say that they look upon you with loving gratitude as the guardian of our principles and ideals, as our chief ruler and Masonic father, and we all hope and trust that you will continue to occupy that position so long as you remain Governor-General in this Dominion.

After his ceremonial installation he delivered an inspiring and scholarly address from which we take the following selections:

Some weeks ago, one of our more learned and distinguished brethren, when speaking at a lodge meeting at which I happened to be present, drew attention to the fact that during the

last 30 years or so the stamp of candidates for admission to the Craft had in one respect greatly changed. Formerly they were, as a rule, men of almost middle age; now they are much younger. From this he deduced two inferences: first, that care in the selection of candidates was more than ever important; and, secondly, that very careful instruction in the ideals and traditions of the Craft was essential.

There is no reason to be otherwise than thankful for this.

But, on the other hand, it is well to remember that young men are always impressionable and sometimes impulsive. They are more apt than older men to be moved by curiosity in the first place, and perhaps to be less stable and persevering when the novelty of a new experience has worn off. Of this danger we must not lose sight. We of this generation have the great responsibility of handing on the torch to those who are to come after us; and it depends mainly on us and on the standard which we set that the light of Freemasonry may continue to shine undimmed through the succeeding generations.

If we are to impress our young brethren and inspire them to effort, our aims must be always practical, not merely idealistic.

He illustrated his points and made his text and context from wonderful literary quotations, the key note being given by the first from Bishop Neligan of Auckland:

What we want is wholesome whole-hearted workers, with common-sense in their heads and the love of God in their hearts, who do believe that service is a greater thing than success.

That is indeed wholesome common-sense for ourselves, and as an illustration of what is laid upon us and of what we are given to do in life I would quote George Herbert's lines:

> Be useful where thou livest, that men may
> Both want and wish thy pleasing presence still.
> . . . Find out their wants and will
> And meet them there. All wordly joys are less
> Than the one joy of doing kindnesses.

Then, the love of God in our hearts. It would not become me to dwell too much on this point. Each of us in his own heart can supply the necessary comment. But it is within my province to point out that without that condition Freemasonry is a broken reed.

He emphasized the right spirit as the important factor and closed with this appeal:

Our personal example and influence, unconsciously exercised, is always working away like leaven in the lump. Bring each his stone, let it be cemented with the love by which it is put in place, and that is all that is asked or expected. And so the stones will mount higher and higher until the Divine Edifice is complete, and "the earth is filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea."

Most appropriately the solo that followed read:

What can we do to work God's work, to prosper and increase
The brotherhood of all mankind, the reign of the Prince of Peace?
What can we do to hasten the time, the time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea?

The proceedings of Canada are acknowledged.

Full instructions and decisions are issued by the Board of General Purposes on almost every conceivable relationship of Masons fron which we take the following which are of interest to all—"Manners are not idle."

The Board desires to impress upon lodges the necessity of taking steps to carefully preserve their records, either by providing a fire-proof safe or lodging them in a local bank or other safe deposit.

At gatherings where ladies are present, it is considered undesirable to make use of Masonic Fires, and the custom should be discontinued.

Dress for Church Service—When brethren are wearing regalia duly authorized by dispensation, white ties and gloves should be worn, but when regalia is not in use it is not considered proper to wear white ties and gloves.

Wearing of Apron—When wearing evening dress the belt is worn under the coat, but on all other occasions, including the wearing of a dinner jacket, the apron should be worn with he belt outside the coat.

"Three Times of Asking"—A practice has arisen in some lodges of dispensing with the "Three Times of Asking" prior to the closing of the lodge, and substituting therefor "For the First and Only Time I Ask, etc." The Board views this change with strong disfavour, as it cannot regard it otherwise than as a departure from established custom. It may be true that the first and second times of asking are very often fruitless, but under our ceremonial these first and second times are reserved for certain purposes, and it is desirable that the ancient usage shall not be lost sight of.

A model Toast List for guidance in connection with Installation and other meetings has been prepared by the Board of General Purposes, and copies may be obtained from the Grand Secretary upon application.

Dropping the Sign after the Obligation—The brethren should drop the sign of reverence or fidelity immediately after the candidate seals his Obligation.

Unattached brethren who may be attending shall, after establishing their bona fides, be announced and enter the lodge as such.

Lodges are desired to make a careful scrutiny of unattached brethren.

No Present or Past Grand Officer who is not wearing the regalia of Grand Lodge should take part in any procession of Grand Lodge Officers.

The practice of calling out Masters and Past Masters who are not Grand Lodge Officers (Present or Past) to take part in Grand Lodge processions should be discontinued, unless in the case of brethren required to act as Deacons.

NORTH DAKOTA

Frank Charles Falkenstein, M.W. Grand Master.

The characteristic features of the Grand Master who won all hearts at the meeting of this Grand Lodge at Fort William adorn the Proceedings.

His biographer says of him:

There is never any doubt when he stands on a question of right and wrong. He believes in law, whether it be civil, moral or Masonic, and all the influence he can exert is on the side of that which upholds law, and right political, and social institutions.

The Thirty-eighth Communication was held at Minot, June 21, 1927, and it is noted that promptly at 10 a.m. on the dot the Grand Master sounded his gavel. The G.H.P. of Royal Arch Masons pledged the loyal support of that body.

Fifty year Masons were given a special reception and in the account of it we read:

It was an inspiring sight to have these veterans with us and nothing is finer than for the Grand Lodge to pay them homage.

The Grand Master delivered one of those addresses, fertile in thought, admonition and encouragement, which it is good to read. We make some excerpts to illustrate his style and for the edification of our Brethren:

In our deliberations let us not be swayed by our emotions but with cool judgment and a sincere faith in the One Who is over all.

Though our climate is rigourous, yet God tempers the wind to the shorn lamb by giving the lamb a vigorous physique wherewith to combat the wind. So with us of North Dakota. Standing with a well known Californian one severe winter day, a few years ago, waiting for our train, he noted the vigorous appearance of the men in the crowd and said "Are these a sample of North Dakota men" and exclaimed, "What virility in this crowd! Little wonder they cheerfully meet your rigorous climate." Let us be more content Brethren and thank God for our manifest blessings.

Though we may be desirous of world peace, let us not be led by false doctrines or effeminate teachings into the idea that universal peace is near at hand. There are too many selfish, ambitious leaders among the ignorant emotional peoples of the world and too much questionable doctrine being promulgated within our own land to justify us in being unprepared to protect ourselves and our government.

Masonry as well as other peace loving influences in this country are delighted that during the past year our friends to the north have joined us in taking steps to unite these two great Anglo-Saxon governments with stronger bonds of friendship and brotherhood. It is unthinkable that public sentiment would permit any serious misunderstanding between them.

I have long hoped to see more of the State's leading jurists and professional and business men connected with our Grand Lodge.

From his decisions we glean:

A secret objection placed with the Master is not waived by the death of the objector.

A candidate residing temporarily in the jurisdiction of one lodge and his petition thereto having been rejected by it, cannot then petition his home lodge elsewhere without pursuing the regular course.

This is a country where majorities rule, where decisions of umpires and of courts are frankly and promptly accepted a law until otherwise established, and the brother or individual who refuses graciously to comply and co-operate, besides making himself extremely unhappy, is manifesting a spirit of intol erance, which is extremely un-American.

A foreign citizen cannot be made a Mason in this Jurisdiction according to our present by-laws.

Brethren, I believe we make a mistake in such instances and I would recommend that the Grand Master after he has fully satisfied himself by investigation, of the virtue of the case, be empowered to permit the lodges by special dispensation, to adopt Canadian citizens into membership.

He speaks of the fact that some of the smaller lodges are now charging a $75 fee and their membership increases just as before.

Of his visit to us he generously says:

It was my good fortune last July to visit the sessions of the Grand Lodge of Canada at the twin city of the gateway to the great Canadian Northwest. Never have I met a finer type of men and their expressions of regard for Masons and Masonry on this side of the Line convinced me of true friendship. Brother Stockwell and Brother Phelps who visited in Manitoba and Saskatchewan respectively report the same most courteous and considerate treatment. The Grand Lodge of Canada for Ontario is one of the oldest, largest and most influential on this continent. Their Districts form the units around which

their largest activities and influences seem to pivot, hence, much consideration is given to the selection of their District Deputies.

North Dakota is much interested in education.

Of a phase of membership of which all have had some experience he thus speaks:

I have been told of instances where Masons carried their demits in their pockets during their earning years and then tried to affiliate when they felt their earning power slipping. Most Grand Lodges are warding against this somewhat by charging an affiliation fee. In the United States jurisdictions these fees run any where from $10.00 to $40.00. The Grand Lodge of Canada provides for a minimum fee and some lodges there charge as high as $75.00 for the privilege of affiliation.

Then follow admonitory paragraphs which should be read in full by all:

Special standards now are much higher than when our obligations were framed. True Masons to-day never plan on living in any community down to the minimum standard set by our obligations, but rather up to the standard of honor and morality dictated by the highest ideals. What is the reputation of Masonry in your neighborhood—Brethren?

If Masons must get drunk why not do it at home where their families can take care of them and enjoy the fun. I think most of you will agree with me that a drunken spectacle in public or private parties is no longer considered good form. Brethren the world measures the character of Masonry by the weak or dissolute member and the world knows our professions of morality and loyalty to high ideals, our professed attitude towards good government and the enforcement of the law and the constitution. Then what must be the measure of their criticism of our works?

The second attempt has made Chicago the laughing stock of the world. I refer to the plea of a certain politician to be elected Mayor with the promise that if elected he would drive the King of England out of the schools of Chicago. Brethren the most unfortunate examples of man's inhumanity to his fellows have been based on prejudice. The more ignorant we are the greater our probable prejudice, and indifference and disrespect for the opinions and happiness of others.

In my visits to other Grand Jurisdictions the past year, the impression has been indelibly fixed upon me of the enormous influence for loyalty to country, to home and to God which Masonry has upon the leading actors in the fraternity. Although Masonry is not a religion in the narrower or sectarian sense, yet what is religion but the recognition of and surrender to the power and influence that binds us to God and actuates our worship. Our methods of worshiping Him may differ and our little delicate interpretations of His qualities and manifestations may conflict, but Brethren we are all looking for the same object—God.

From the Report of the Grand Secretary, Walter L. Stockwell, known over a Continent, we take the following suggestive paragraphs:

We believe, by and large, we are making progress in both membership and finances, while the spirit of Masonry which is another name for service never was more vigorous. Our Grand Lodge has a sure test: There is no guess work about the attitude of the rank and file of our membership. The certain test is the response which comes when lodges are called upon to put their Masonry into practice.

One thing is certain that we are very largely getting away from the idea that ritualistic work alone provides the necessary interest. Those lodges which have active and virile leadership in their Worshipful Master and Director of Masonic Services and Education, are steadily increasing interest and attendance.

We fear that at times we fail to drive home the all important lessons which Masonry intends to teach. In our haste to confer degrees we are prone to overlook the essential religious and spiritual content of our ritual and lectures.

Membership 15,047. Net gain 153.

They are justly proud of their Grand Lodge library. 3,054 volumes circulated during the year—and added 506 books.

To the museum have been added several hundred Indian curios.

The Committee on Patriotic Service is unique in its work:

Masons, individually, and as an organization, should lend aid to the establishment and maintenance of better community relations, and foster, aid and support activities of all kinds which tend to promote a better community life.

Masonic lodges may with profit to their members devote some time to a consideration of important questions affecting the welfare of the people and the preservation of American institutions; that among others, they give consideration to the ever-growing burden imposed upon society by criminals, degenerates and defectives, and the various remedies now being proposed therefor; in particular, the application of that state law which authorizes sterilization of imbeciles and habitual criminals.

In conclusion your committee, in short is of the belief that, while Masons and Masonic organizations should reverence the traditions of the past, there should be a realization and recognition that their path of duty lies in the present and leads toward the future; that

"New occasions teach new duties; Time makes ancient good uncouth;
They must upward still, and onward, Who would keep abreast of Truth."

Masonic trials are here as elsewhere a great problem.

Fraternal Correspondent Phelps thus reports on non-English speaking Grand Lodges:

A very able and learned committee of the Masonic Service Association is making Survey of Symbolic Masonry throughout the World, with particular reference to the origins, landmarks, principles and practices of Grand Lodges in countries where English is not the language of the people. From the last report of the Committee it seems that some definite word should be available soon. When this report is issued we can study it and arrive at some method of extending recognition. Until then I recommend that these requests be retained in the files of this Grand Lodge for final action.

And thus summarizes leading Masonic topics:

May I tell you of a few motifs that have run through the symphony to which I have listened.

One has no definite, standardized, accepted name. If I were to coin the one which seems most suited it would be a desire for Masonic Unity. Masonic Universality has been our claim for many years.

The unseeing have scoffed at these conferences as debating societies, whose sole function was to talk; others have noted the total lack of authority.

Masons from a score or two score Grand Jurisdictions have met. They have become acquainted. They have discussed questions which were of common interest, and have begun to look toward doing something for the common good and for a closer union. Listen brethren for this theme, it is almost inaudible yet, but the sweetest note ever sounded.

Another theme, employing most of the loud, noise-making instruments is what may be broadly called Masonic Charity. —most loudly over the Masonic Homes which are being built or enlarged.

The portion of the performance which calls every instrument into action is the theme called Education. It is a great tone poem. Every Grand Lodge seems to approach the matter from a different direction. In some the student loan funds are made the method of aiding needy students. In others prizes for certain lines of scholastic contests are being offered. Others are talking the question of adult education.

The Report on Masonic Education treats of many subjects:

Enforcement of Law.

Health: especially acquainting ourselves with Tubercular conditions and the efforts being made by Masonry to relieve these conditions.

But the Jurisdiction, as a whole, is waking up to the needs of the hour. The youth of the State are being led to a brighter day. The helpless are receiving the aid they so much need. Corner stones are being placed in position. The Temple of

Brotherhood challenges our mind, our heart and our hand. It is for us to resolutely and untiringly build that Temple, brick by brick, stone by stone, timber upon timber until the edifice shall stand complete, acceptable to the Great Architect of the Universe "whose we are and whom we serve."

And we shall strive and we shall fail and we shall strive again
And we shall find the Holier Grail deep in the souls of men.
Buried in ash and muck and mold where the ancient temples stood,
And hope shall find and faith shall hold the glory of Brotherhood."

Mrs. Hager, widow of a Past Grand Master, and Mrs. Stockwell, wife of the Grand Secretary, have established substantial funds in connection with the Grand Lodge Library. In her reply Mrs. Hager quoted:

So now when the Lord has a job for me I doesn't try to shirk;
I draps whatevah I has on hand, and I does the good Lord's work.
An' my affairs can run along, or wait 'till I git through—
For nobody else can do the job that God's marked out for you."

Then came Grand Orator Wenzel's address "The Crime Problem from a Layman's Standpoint." Space limits us to a few extracts:

If the Government is prying and meddling, there will be constant infraction of the law. Verily, mankind have been under delusion for many a day! Govern a great nation as you would cook a small fish—Don't overdo it."

That capital punishment be restored and that the certainty thereof in proper cases be not permitted to be interfered with by forces outside of the officials having the matter in charge.

That the power to pardon or parole be thoroughly circumscribed, at least by requiring public hearing and public statement of the reasons for granting the same, and that suspended sentences be limited very strictly to minor offenses and first offenders.

That we recognize the necessity and seek to provide for state-wide co-ordination of the agencies for detecting and suppressing crime and criminals, in order to catch up with the 98 out of every 100 who are now said to escape.

That the scientific aspect of the problem be acknowledged by the employment of psychiatrists to be located at penal institutions, in order that their theories may be experimentally tried out.

That the educational programs of civic and fraternal organizations, as they may relate to this subject, be founded and grounded upon a firm faith in the home.

That civic and fraternal organizations be urged to pledge themselves to a continuing, earnest and sincere effort to circumscribe and keep within due bounds the multitudinous penal regulations of the States and the Nation, eliminating where elimination is feasible.

The Jurisprudence Committee reported that the former requirement as to being a citizen of the United States in those petitioning for membership, had been eliminated, as is most proper.

Twelve Past Grand Masters added dignity to the Proceedings.

Canada's Grand Representative did not respond. H. D. Leask of North Bay represents North Dakota.

George Hovey Phelps presents his fifth Review, saying in his preamble:

I suggest that you read the following pages, to get the message that is intended especially for you, and also possibly to enjoy something written for another.

If I have made comments, let my readers understand such comments are wholly my own. Grand Lodge by the by-law creating my job, expressly refuses to be bound by anything I, or any other Fraternal Correspondent may say. So, just throw your brick-bats at me.

And so I send this out trusting that it may contain some information of value and that possibly it may give some body a quiet chuckle.

Under Canada he notes our 1926 Communication and the welcome presence of G.M. Falkenstein. Of Grand Master Rowland's masterly address he says:

Ordinarily if we struggle through and select a few items of interest from these productions we feel glad that the end has been reached. We read this address with keen interest and intense enjoyment of its perfect English. Then we reread it in an effort to select the items which we would be forced to omit from this review. After referring to the breaking down and passing away of the old order of things in these perplexing days he gave expression to the hope that out of the chaos and confusion of recent years there is emerging something which bears a likeness to what we call the Spirit of Masonry.

Of the report of the Condition of Masonry he has nothing but good to say:

Because, not long since it was our pleasure to address a Sister Grand Lodge. and to express some crude thoughts on the proposition that while Masonry is universal it is not united, we were gratified to find this in the report of the Committee.

We glow with pleasure as we read his reference to our review:

Bro. Ponton reviews 67 Proceedings, and when we use that word we mean it literally. He does not select a few topics and pass over the rest of the volume under consideration. He

notes everything, sometimes an apt comment conveys the meaning, at other times he quotes fully. If the brethren in Ontario will read this report carefully they will have obtained the best birds-eye view of Masonry at work throughout the World that we have read this year. Instead of attempting any comments on this report we ask permission to quote this gem from his Postlude.

Manitoba gives him this opportunity:

Here is another truth which may well be passed on for the consideration of those among us who feel that "there ought to be a law against it" and immediately pass such a law on every conceivable subject.

I trust you will exercise sparingly the function of legislation. The present generation has a witless urge to make laws as though a volume of printed matter, however bulky, could alter either human nature or economic law. That the craft is not free from this mania to legislate is sufficiently apparent in the constant alteration in the by-laws of lodges submitted for approval.

North Dakota is one of the brainiest Jurisdictions in the United States. The Transactions are full of grey matter.

NOVA SCOTIA

M.W. Brother Arthur James Davis, Grand Master.

The Sixty-second Annual convened at Halifax, 8th June 1927.

Canada was represented by James C. Jones.

The number of Past Grand Masters in attendance was only two, a numerical record only equalled by our own.

Grand Lodge was placed in the hands of Grand Chaplain Knott and a fine service was conducted with a special choir. R.W. Bro. Archbishop Worrell and R.W. Bro. Driffield, participated.

The sermon by R.W. Bro. Knott was educative and philosophical. It is the most systematic we have seen being divided logically into important headings. From the first we take this extract:

To minerals we apply the laws of affinity and repulsion.

In the vegetable world there is the force of nature.

In the animal life and tissues there is the force known as vitality.

Has any one yet discovered the *Ultima Ratio* of the chemical law of affinity in the mineral, or the law of vitality in the vegetable and animal worlds—Yet there they are acting and related from the creation of the world. Man belongs to the animal kingdom, is said to be the summit of that kingdom. Shakespeare says, "What a piece of work is man! How noble in reason! How infinite in faculties. In form and moving,

how expressive and admirable! In action how like an angel! In comprehension how like a God! The beauty of the world! The *Paragon* of animals!

And from other parts we take the following striking passages:

We believe in Equality, not an equality which would make all men equal economically, socially and intellectually. That is absurd, there is no such thing possible but there is such a thing as an equality of opportunity. Men differ intellectually; Ruskin—Shakespeare. Men differ in powers, Napoleon, Isaac Newton and Rhodes. One talented man carries the loads by sheer physical strength. Two talented men work with tools, ten talented men like Edison mightily surpass their fellows. There is no equality in nature, all flowers are not the same hue, all birds have not the same notes. Out of diversity comes harmony. Each man makes his contribution. One man loves books, another loves tools, another the brush and another the field. We would not make all men equal but give to each and all an equal opportunity.

I. In building our Temple of Character we must discharge all duties faithfully at home or abroad. We must have the keystone of love in its place.

II. We must not let difficulties stop us, but use them as stepping stones. We must learn to subdue our passions and not give rein to them.

The Grand Master spoke of the mutual pleasure of meeting and of the impressions that we carry from Grand Lodge to our home lodges and added:

This is your temple—our temple; your work and our work; your welcome and our welcome—a united family of brothers.

One thing is certain, no matter what chances and changes the coming years may bring, the Temple of Masonry will stand for the reality and love of God; for the dignity and worth of man; for old time-tried truths, which were true ages ago and will be true ages hence.

Brethren, we have in Masonry, A Lever of Power, which might reach out to every corner of our Province.

He thus records a gift to the Home:

It is gratifying to me to report the generous gift to the Endowment Fund of the Home at Windsor of $2,500.00, from our late Bro. Banks, who although he took his demit some years ago, evidently held Masonry in very high esteem. We commend his action and wish that others might follow so good an example.

The "Home" is running very smoothly; the inmates are happy and contented, well housed and well fed as many visitors to the Home can testify.

From his decisions we take the following three:

The W.M. of St. George's Lodge stated that through an error he had ordered a ballot to be taken for advancement of a candidate he being of the opinion that more than twelve months had elasped since the brother was initiated while in reality only ten months had elapsed. The result of the ballot was unfavorable.

I ruled the Ballot was null and void and that the candidate should be advanced unless some brother presented a charge against him.

Is it permissable to use Lodge room for card playing—or dancing.

I am of the opinion that a lodge room having been dedicated to Freemasonry should not be rented for the pupose of card playing or dancing.

What is the position of the three lesser lights.

The lights should be placed at the station of the Officer in the East, West and South. At the right hand in the East and South and at the left in the West.

Grand Secretary Jones made a clear report:

The various lodges continue to get rid of their "dead wood" some by suspension, others by the more honorable course of taking their demits.

Membership 9,820. Gain 76.

$15,000 was transferred by Grand Lodge to the Home account.

Then follows one of the unique reports of the Grand Historian, R.W. Bro. R. V. Harris, this time devoted to the proper shades of Blue and distinguishing between Garter blue and deep Royal Blue and Union blue. He recommends:

In my opinion the Constitution should be amended so that the definitions of blue prescribed for Grand Lodge and subordinate lodges should correspond, as it was evidently intended they should, with the definitions of the Grand Lodges of England and other sister jurisdictions in Canada.

In his main report he says:

Some members of the Craft think that the writing of our historical paper is an easy matter, the work of a few minutes, and that those who make speeches on historical and judicial matters have material on tap. They forget that before an address can be delivered, weeks, and often months, must be given to research along lines not previously investigated by anyone.

A Grand Lodge Bulletin linking every member up with the work of the Craft, would serve to develop interest in our work and tend to promote more effectually than ever the spread of the principles for which the Cratft stands.

He gives a list of his three publications during the year and adds this interesting information and encouragement:

In Canada, with the antiquity of the Order in this part of the Dominion, I ventured into the field of playwriting and endeavored in a one-act sketch to tell the story of the organization of the First Lodge by the Hon. Edward Cornwallis, in Halifax in 1750. After careful rehearsal by a group of members of several city lodges the play to which we gave the title "As It Was in the Beginning" we presented it on three occasions.

The great vital need in this jurisdiction is more light.

What we need is not more "work" but more intensive teaching, more addresses on our history, symbolism, ideals, philosophy, a wider circulation of well-edited Masonic journal, a closer interest in the work being done by our N. S. Freemasons' Home, and the Craft outside this jurisdcition. Until we do this in an intelligent way we cannot hope to hold our membership and go forward to greater things.

The Board of Jurisprudence report:

No more than three candidates can be properly obligated at one time. This, however will not prevent a larger number receiving the Degrees at the same meeting provided they are duly obligated in groups of not more than three.

R.W. Bro. Thomas Forsyth represents Nova Scotia.

Grand Secretary R.W. Bro. James C. Jones presented his thirteenth Review of Proceedings in good form and substance.

Under Arkansas he says anent Mexico:

We regret to find in the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence excuses being made for the "Powers that be" in Mexico. In our judgment the action of the Mexican Authorities, and particularly the President, can or should find no Justification at the hands of the members of the Masonic Fraternity. However "Doctors differ and Patients die."

He gives a striking review of British Columbia from which we take the following:

Again, in referring to the fact that the Master's duties do not end with seeing that the work of the lodge is done properly and the books and accounts are correctly kept he adds:

These days in many Jurisdictions "Uniformity of Work" is the great slogan, in our own Jurisdiction among the rest, and while Grand Master Manson thoroughly approved thereof, he says "Parrot-like precision is sacrilege."

The stranger having become one of us let us for a moment consider again the Freemasonry which we live. Is it a Freemasonry of the lodge room, something that we take off as a garment and leave with the Tyler when the lodge is closed—something just for tonight and again of a night two weeks or a month from now. If so then Freemasonry is an hypocrisy.

Under our own Jurisdiction we find a full summary of our Proceedings, our colleague adding:

Addresses of welcome were presented by the Mayors, the latter of whom in referring to some historical points about

this enterprising city and the wonders of the place and its surroundings including "An Ojibway Hercules who was responsible for the terrible Thunder of Thunder Bay" adds:—

You may see him sleeping there anytime you wish to look out on the Bay. Then the Nokomis and Hiawatha of Longfellow and the beautiful pictures therein depicted and other equally picturesque and gripping legend and story.

Now, we sort of think when the good Mayor of Port Arthur was referring to Hiawatha of Longfellow he was encroaching upon Nova Scotia, the land of Evangeline.

He kindly calls our own review of 67 sister Jurisdictions an admirable one.

Colorado gives him this opportunity:

While demitted Masons were not, of right, entitled, according to our Constitution to Masonic burial, under exceptional circumstances such might be given. At the time a good deal of adverse comment was made but now we have the Grand Master of Colorado giving a similiar decision and under a Constitution very much like our own.

He does not approve of Grand Masters unloading on D.D.G.M's and under Missouri in a case of this kind he says:

Kind of strikes us that in this case the District Deputy was to give the decision, not the Grand Master.

Mixed conditions in the melting pot are thus referred to under Washington:

In very agreeable but none the less emphatic language the Grand Master urges upon the Craft respect for Law and Order but at the same time states that he believes Ninety-Nine per cent. of the Masons are law abiding citizens. The other possibly bad one per cent. is made up of Foreigners "the names of whom are scarcely pronounceable by the average American." And quoting from the Constitution as follows:

"We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquality, provide for the common defence, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this constitution for the United States of America."

OHIO

Charles L. Minor, M.W. Grand Master.

The One Hundred and Eighteenth Grand Communication was held in Springfield, October 19, 1927. No less than 22 Past Grand Masters testified their loyal allegiance as factors in the work. This, with one exception, is a world's record.

Twenty-four Master Masons sang "Open the Gates of the Temple".

In the address of welcome it was said that Springfield formerly had a slogan "the best sixty thousand City in the United States" but they out-grew that slogan and now it is "Where Prosperity Begins". They claim they owe it nearly all to a very splendid City Manager form of Government and as usual the City Manager, Brother Flack is a Mason. He spoke well as follows:

You are a part of this community. Since the year 1809, when Harmony Lodge met in the village of Springfield Ohio, the fibre, the character, the worth-whileness of the industrial, mercantile and civic life of this community have been wound and woven with the ideals and precepts of Freemasonry.

You have made the western approach to this city a most wonderful thing. You have bejeweled and ornamented that approach with monuments of brotherly love.

Past Grand Master Kissell gave a warm address of welcome from which our readers will like to read the following paragraphs:

It seems to me that it is almost absurd for me to come before you to welcome you to Springfield, Ohio.

In thinking about this I was wondering what my little daughter who is only about thirteen years old would say if I were to meet her at the door and say: "Daughter I am mighty glad to see you home. I want to welcome you here. I hope you will enjoy your luncheon this noon and that you will have a fine dinner to-night and rest well afterward." I can imagine what she would say. She would say "Dad how do you get that way? You must be goofy." You know how the youngsters talk these days.

It seems to me it is about as absurd for me to think of welcoming you to Springfield, because as I said before this is the Masonic Home of Ohio, and, whether we will or not this is the Masonic capital of our State. The greatest thing in which the Masons of Ohio are interested has been located here. You have made an investment here of over two millions. The stockholders of this great institution are the two hundred thousand Masons of the State of Ohio and their greatest product, their greatest industry, their greatest place of business is right here at Springfield.

Do you know my Brethren that there are over forty thousand visitors who go to that Masonic Home every year? It averages about 800 a week.

They are strong on music in Ohio. The Masonic Choir rendered "Send Down Thy Light," "Annie Laurie" and "Who Knows"? The latter question we may all ask and cannot all answer.

A Special Communication of Grand Lodge was held for the funeral of M.W. Bro. Robinson, who has character written all over his features.

Under Questions and Answers the Grand Master says:

The Grand Master took the position that if a lodge did not have a dispensation from the Grand Master's office empowering them to meet in their respective lodge rooms or if their lodge rooms had not been dedicated, they were meeting irregularly, and the action taken during that time could be challenged if any brother saw fit.

The Grand Master's attitude concerning the financial reports of the various lodges was that the individual members of a lodge had the right and privilege of knowing the correct assets of their organization and the only means of checking the financial statement in order to present an accurate statement was through the Grand Master's office. There has not been in the Grand Master's mind any idea of any deliberate misappropriation of one single penny of lodge funds but he is thoroughly convinced that there is a very lax method pursued in the finances of a great number of the lodges which could be corrected easily by checking one year's report against the other.

At Columbus the Brethren of York University and Capital City lodges hold a regular lecture course.

The G.M. speaks well of the Conference of Grand Masters held in Chicago and quotes one of their decisions:

It was generally agreed that Grand Jurisdictions should not participate in institutional activities not controlled by the Grand Lodge or support relief programs except those controlled and directed by the Grand Lodges. Disasters such as cyclones, floods, earthquakes, and other emergencies excepted.

Ohio discourages solicitations by private lodges even under extreme circumstances and denies the use of a roster of a lodge being given even for the purposes of sale of a Masonic Encyclopedia. How do our Eastern Star friends get their rolls of Master Masons in good standing? What secretaries (if any) give them?

A charge being laid against a Brother in Florida, the Grand Master held that he should be tried in Ohio, to which Jurisdiction he belonged. He was so tried and honourably acquitted.

As to the George Washington Memorial he reports progress but says that Ohio and Kansas have not arranged to contribute substantially to this project.

The claim for relief on behalf of the sister of a Mason in New Mexico was refused, there being ample accommodation and provision made by Ohio institutions having a similar purpose. It appears that she is a member of the Eastern Star and she went without consulting Grand Lodge and incurred expense. As to that the G.M. says:

If she belongs to the Eastern Star and it is the policy of their organization to take care of their members, then that is the organization that should take care of her.

Masonry cannot be expected to take care of the whims of all of those without funds. Ohio Masons have no guilty con-

science in not providing funds for a sister of a Mason of this Grand Jurisdiction who has needlessly contracted an obligation.

As to Masonic Trials the G.M. utters this warning:

In reviewing these reports I find that there were *sixteen* instances in which the Code was not followed according to the interpretation placed upon it by the Grand Lodge.

As to future wars he says:

It is now suggested that we have such plan formulated, approved by the government, such approval being filed so that in the event of the mobilization of our armed forces, Masonic work according to the plan on file could be started immediately.

He urges that the Grand Master's emergency fund be raised to $10,000.

Members 202,125. Net gain 3,860. Ohio is certainly going forward. O-HI-O.

The Committee advises postponement of action in connection with requests for fraternal recognition by Belgium, Valle de Mexico, United G. L. of Mexico, Egypt, France and Chile.

A wonderful ceremony must have been that connected with the new Ohio Masonic Home, of which Grand Lodge says:

There is no work in which the Grand Lodge is engaged that excites such interest and attention when impressed upon the heart of the individual Mason as that of the Ohio Masonic Home. That work will exert a leavening influence upon our membership in proportion to their knowledge of the Home and its noble accomplishments.

The address on the occasion contains two striking paragraphs:

Now as I said these magnificent buildings are the concrete examples of our charity. I want you all to understand that this is the very best life insurance that any one of you men has. It is twice blest. If you give to it and never need to call on it for help you are blessed because you give. And if you fall in the struggle of life and you and your family need this place, it is again a blessing to you.

It is gratifying to us to think that these great buildings will stand here long after we are dead and dust; long after every man even these boys here within the sound of my voice are not only dead, but not even remembered. It is like everything in Masonry. It is permanent. It endures. We Masons build not only for the age but for all time.

The Committee on Necrology sum up and we all agree:

Our responsibility is clear. We will honor these men whose memory to-day we cherish, not so much by what we say as by the kind of Masonry we practice.

Many corner-stones were laid, chiefly of Public Schools and High Schools. Ohio is broad-minded.

A great Masonic tribute is paid in the appendix to the late P.G.M. Williams, whose wonderful photograph adorns the Proceedings. The tribute thus concludes:

His most marked characteristic was the warmth and sincerity of his friendship. Those whom he found worthy to be counted his friends

"He grappled to his soul with hooks of steel."

and though he might differ from his friends in matters of principle or policy as was sometimes the case with the writer, yet he never suffered those differences to affect the heart-binding ties which had formed the bond of friendship between them, but ever and always stood by him in his hour of need.

Then follow as usual, pictures of the Masonic Home and pages of description. They are doing a great work, which we also in Canada ought to do in the opinion of this Reviewer.

The Foreign Correspondence is as usual, by M.W. Bro. O. P. Sperra, P.G.M. He treats each Jurisdiction in clear narrative form and evidently gives to each special attention, no one being preferred over another.

Canada's transactions are recorded in detail and he touches on the eloquent address of the Grand Master, quoting largely from it, including this verse:

The one remains, the many change and pass:
Heaven's light forever shines, earth's shadows fly;
Life like a dome of many coloured glass
Stains the white radiance of Eternity.

He also speaks of our distinguished visitors to Grand Lodge, and the Report on the Condition of Masonry, which he wishes all Ohio Brothers might read. Of our Review he kindly says:

Some sixty-seven Grand Jurisdictions are reviewed and the work is of a high character. Ohio receives his fraternal attention, with a particularly fine analysis of the more salient features occuring at the Grand Communication.

Canada 1927 is also reviewed in which he speaks, as indeed is most fitting, in special terms of Ohio's Grand Representative, R.W. Bro. George Moore, an earnest Mason and the friend of all. He speaks of the address of M.W. Bro. Rowland as able, pleasing, brilliant and enlightening. He quotes with approval his words as to joining other Orders which make Masonry a pre-requisite. Our colleague supports this statement as a fact and factor:

He is wise in saying that, "A system of education is valued scarcely less for the method than for the matter of its instruction."

Again the Report on the Condition of Masonry is quoted with approval and our Review again receives his commendation as "excellent and thorough, readable and wise." We appreciate this encouragement.

Under Louisiana we read:

Therefore let us be admonished to adhere to the Faith,, place our trust in God, and live a life of honor and character such as Masonry intends. Let us *knnw* ourselves, *control* ourselves, and *deny* ourselves; these trials in the Craft will stop.

From Mexico he reproduces, as we do, these verses, which never grow old:

"Slave to no sect, who takes no private road,
But looks through nature up to Nature's God;
Pursues that chain which links the immense design
Joins heaven and earth, and mortal and divine.
And knows where faith, law, morals, all began,
All end in love to God and love to man."

And he closes his Review also with worthy poetry which we share with our readers:

If never a sorrow came to us,
And never a care we knew.
If every hope were realized,
And every dream came true.
We'd yearn for tests to prove our worth
And tasks for us to do.

Canada's Grand Representative, F. S. Harmon was present.

OKLAHOMA

M. W. Brother Claude A. Sturgeon, Grand Master.

The Nineteenth Annual Communication was held at Muskogee, February 8, 1927, No less than 18 Past Grand Masters were present, certainly a splendid record for a Jurisdiction of this size, showing both longevity and fidelity.

In presenting an apron to the Grand Master, P.G.M. Freeman well said:

Fidelity of brethren and friends, is the most precious thing in all this life, and the most valuable. Amid the storms and trials that beat upon and about us, it brings a smile to the lips and peace to the heart. The love of brethren makes us rich—richer than the possessions of much fine gold—because Love and Fraternity come from God Himself.

Canada was represented by M.W. Bro. Almer E. Monroney.

In his address the Grand Master said:

In accepting the office of Grand Master, I promised 365 days of my time to the Craft if they so demanded. I have kept faith.

Let us ascribe to every brother as high a motive as we claim for ourselves. Let us hope that the spirit of brotherly love will prevail.

The popular opinion was that Masonry has spent too much time and money boosting the other organizations or society, and allowed their own Fraternity to go uncared for.

He reported with regret that he had to arrest the gavel of three Masters during his term of office.

Among his decisions he rules as so many others have done, that a Court decision should not govern a Masonic trial.

He closes eloquently thus:

All of this has convinced me that the Institution has possibilities of which it is not conscious. Aroused and united, its force could not be overestimated.

We should ever keep in mind that each of us is an individual stone in the wall of the great structure of character which we are building, and if we be not perfect, we will mar the beauty of the whole.

One glory still awaits for you,
  One honor that is fair,
To have men say as you pass by;
  'That fellow's on the square.'
"Ah, here's a phrase that stands for much,
  'Tis good old English too;
It means that men have confidence
  In everything you do.

"Father" Murrow was specially presented as having been Grand Master of Indian Territory in 1877.

The Committee recommended that Study Clubs be organized and encouraged in the lodges.

Membership 71,002. Net gain 1,329, a fine showing.

Grand Orator Lattimore in his address said:

The level was, then, a symbol of Time. You held there in your hand just a piece of wood. That wasn't all of the length of the level, but was simply symbolical of the great level out beyond; it was a mere, small, tiny sector or portion of the level. It symbolized a moment of time, and it was to teach you as a Fellowcraft that you hold day by day but a moment of time under your control and in your possession. We do not have control of a day.

The Radical and the Revolutionist has seized that declaration as the shibboleth to advance his theories—theorectically but not practically—for it is the property of the other fellow that he seeks to appropriate and not his own. Two Irishmen were discussing Socialism and one said, "Faith, and what is it?" "Sure, it means to divide up; if you have fifty cents you give me half; if I have a dollar, I keeps it all."

Washington turned to a corporal and said "Why didn't you help your men with that log?" The little fellow, throwing back his shoulders said "Why, I am the corporal". Then Washington, throwing back his coat and revealing his uniform, said "Hereafter when your men need assisance, send for your

General." That is the spirit of Masonry exemplified in one of the greatest of Masons—the spirit of equality; the principle of service for our fellowmen.

"Let us meet upon the level then while laboring patient here,
Let us meet and let us labor though the labor be severe.
Already in the western sky the signs bid us prepare
To gather up our working tools and part upon the square."

The library and reading-room of Oklahoma are liberally supplied, as is the new Old Folks' Home, with the best of Masonic literature.

J. G. Liddell of Brantford, represents Oklahoma.

Thomas Chauncey Humphry presents his twenty-first report on Correspondence and in his introduction says:

Oklahoma has been courteously treated by the Reviewers of other States, and the Masonic Horizon is full of sunshine and no clouds are seen in the Firmament to hover over the Masonic world.

His comment on Mexico under Arizona is:

It appears that Mexico has too many smart or stubborn men in it, as they can't agree.

He favourably reviews our meeting of 1926, on one feature commenting thus:

In noticing the election of Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, it is seen that the scrutineers were sworn. This appears to be unusual, as the presumption is the Masons in the Grand Lodge would not endeavour to miscount the ballot.

He finds our Review "very interesting and readable." He kindly says and thus humorously closes his report of our Jurisdiction:

He said in reference to the Oklahoma Scribe, "The Committee on Correspondence is Thomas Chauncey Humphry, whose firm and experienced features adorn the title page." and quotes from what the Oklahoma Scribe said; but pours it on to the Oklahoma Scribe in the following by showing that he was reviewing the Proceedings of "Canada, Providence of Ontario" instead of Province, but the Oklahoma Scribe by way of confession and avoidance says that his stenographer, a young lady, had recently been married, and Providence must have been in her mind, thinking that kind Providence had blessed her.

In his Review of Michigan he says referring to the age of the Reviewer as born in 1846:

That it will compare with the best among the reviews, he is reminded of Moses, "whose eye was not dim nor his natural force abated" at 120.

Referring under Western Australia to the Most Rev. the Archbishop of Perth, Grand Master, he thus laudatorily but most unecclesiastically stands astounded by his many titles:

Of all the Grand Jurisdictions that the Oklahoma Scribe has been privileged to review, Grand Master Riley has them all skinned when it comes to title.

Oklahoma is full of pep!

OREGON

Edgar H. Sensenich, M.W. Grand Master.

The biography and the picture of the Grand Master open the Proceedings. He is a firm believer in the policy of sharing with the constituent lodges the problems of Grand Lodge and advises them fully as to its activities. He also had advocated the affording of educational advantages to unfortunate little ones (children of Masons) who could not otherwise receive them.

We take the following from the opening of his address:

The Grand Lodge of Oregon is not only crowded with responsibility but is filled with opportunities to render service in the advancement of our fraternity and in the development of those increasingly important activities dedicated to the moral welfare of our members and more particularly to the social betterment of our less fortunate brethren and their dependents and of those who have been left dependent by our brethren who have passed to the Great Beyond.

Grand Lodge laid eight cornerstones and held three Grand Lodge funerals for deceased Past Grand Masters.

The oldest Mason in the United States, formerly of the United States Navy, celebrated his 100th anniversary with the Grand Master in attendance.

Of his official visitations and the subjects treated he says:

This program which was followed consistently throughout the year was based upon my conviction that not only was the Grand Lodge of Oregon and its work worth talking about but that all the members of the fraternity in this jurisdiction were entitled to be and ought to be as fully informed as possible about it.

Ever since I have been connected officially with the Grand Lodge none of its activities has appealed to me more than the management of that sacred trust which we call the educational fund.

The help thus given is a beautiful and effective act on the part of Masonry and undoubtedly solaces many an aching heart and contributes directly to the character building of every child receiving our aid.

The Home is our biggest asset.

He speaks highly of the Board of Relief who have functioned for 65 years and who last year served members of 55 different Grand Jurisdictions.

49 per cent. of the Brethren given employment came from Foreign Jurisdictions.

The Portland Masonic Club of 1,200 members claims to be the largest in the world and now asks to be created a State Masonic Club.

He holds that no Brother is entitled to a certificate of membership nor to sign the By-laws of his lodge until after he has passed satisfactorily an examination in the Third Degree but he points out that this regulation is causing a great deal of confusion.

Of Low Twelve Clubs he says:

These clubs encroach upon the insurance business with attendant liabilities to members and may become subject to government regulation and from the possibilities of such complications the Grand Lodge and the constituent lodges should keep themselves aloof.

Of the Flag Ceremony he frankly states:

Brethren have told me that they thought the service should be abolished during peace times. The principal objection, the one I think that is the soundest objection to the continuance of the flag service in the Blue Lodges is that Masonry is a universal organization and that the performance of the flag ceremony in the Blue Lodges has too great a tendency to make the younger Masons, especially think that it is only an American organization.

He describes Masonry as a highly organized method of service to others.

The Grand Orator spoke on the historical backbone of Masonry.

Masonry pre-supposes an awakened intellect.

It is certain that Masonry made its appeal to colonial America and that the response was immediate and general. Morality, comradeship, democracy, charity, usefulness, constructiveness. These Masonic principles were in accord with the spirit and the purposes of the early settlers of our country.

The Grand Standard Bearer delivered the dedicatory address at the magnificent new Portland Masonic Temple, saying:

We dedicate this temple not with blood, burning flesh and incense, in fear, trepidation and cruelty, but with corn, wine and oil, in faith, in hope and in charity; for faith is our corn of nourishment; hope our wine of refreshment and charity is our oil of joy.

The Seventy-seventh Annual Communication was opened in ample form in Portland, June 15, 1927, with an invocation by Rt. Rev. Grand Chaplain Bell, P.G.M., who celebrated 51 years of continuous service in that capacity.

Nineteen Past Grand Masters foregathered together for Work.

Canada was represented by Percy R. Kelly.

Among the In Memoriam addresses we find this verse:

As narrower grows the earthly chain
The circle widens in the sky.
These are our treasurers that remain,
But those are stars that beam on high.

The P.G.M. of Oklahoma said:

Put the things that we teach into our every day acts and thus make our institution really stand for something touching the vital issues of our state.

Membership 29,783. Net gain 814.

Fraternal greetings from British Columbia were wired.

Of Christmas cheer and the work of their Board of Relief we learn:

What is the dreariest and saddest day of the year to a brother far from home and friends and laid low by illness?

To each of our ex-soldier brethren who are now paying without complaint the price of their patriotism in the U.S. Veterans Hospital at Portland was sent a Christmas box.

They are rightly and firmly down on frauds in Oregon:

During the past year frauds and imposters have been unusually active. Some we have exposed; some we have landed in the toils of the law; some have escaped. We can only give 100 per cent. service in this part of our work when we have the co-operation of every Mason in Oregon. Brethren do not give your money or your lodge's money to every stranger asking for Masonic relief. Listen carefully to his story, examine his credentials, turn the matter over to the officers of your lodge.

The Foreign Correspondent was introduced and his report distributed. He is the oldest P.G.M. and had answered for Roll Call since he was Grand Master in 1884, a splendid and worthy record.

Bro. Ferguson of the First Presbyterian Church of Astoria, said in a humorous as well as practical address:

This gentleman was a man of very good habits and he said "I am a man of good habits and I want to live to be 100." "You are a man of good habits?" "Yes". "You don't drink?" "No." "You don't smoke?" "No." "You don't bother with women?" "No". "Well" he says "What in thunder do you want to live to be a hundred for?"

The present is what we are worried about and the future is what we have to work for. But when I was a mere youth and just starting out in life my father with considerable sporting instinct wanted me to be an athlete and my mother wanted me to be a preacher. They both had their prayers answered.

The real security of Christianity is to be found in its benevolent morality, in its exquisite adaptation to the human heart, in the facility with which it accommodates itself to the capacity of every human intellect, in the consolation which it

bears to the house of mourning, in the light with which it brightens the great mystery of the grave. The bravest and wisest of the Caesars found their arms and their policy unavailing when opposed to the weapons that were not carnal and the kingdom that was not of this world.

To refuse to believe that this planet was swung into space by a directing power is simply to refuse to think.

So the body is purely a transmissive function for the soul, and we believe in that lofty ideal of the immortality of the human soul.

> Oh yet we trust that somehow, good
> Will be the final goal of ill,
> That nothing walks with aimless feet:
> That not one life shall be destroyed,
> Or cast as rubbish to the void,
> When God hath made the pile complete.

As the St. Patrick Chapter with us had a Traveling Triangle, so Oregon has a Traveling Trowel and its good work was described as a happy thought with good results.

The Eastern Star visitors were received, which report is naively described as passing from labour to refreshment. One matron said:

Say didn't you know you are strong and true

And we are so glad that we have touched shoulders with you.

Another said:

I wish to convey to you the loving greetings of my two million members of the Eastern Star scattered all over this broad world and say that we desire to be the helpmate of Masonry.

They appear to co-operate in good words and good work.

A resolution to recognize the Ancient Egyptian Order of Sciots (whoever they may be), was laid on the table.

Kenneth J. Dunstan, Immediate Past Grand Z. of our Grand Chapter, represents Oregon in Ontario.

M.W. Bro. David P. Mason says in his introduction to his Annual Review:

The ideal of high thinking and clean living is emphasized in all the addresses reviewed.

The fact that Masonic and national integrity can ony be realized through individual integrity is stressed by many Masonic leaders.

To develop the individual craftsman mentally, morally and spiritually is the high aim of the Masonry of to-day.

An annual conference of Grand Masters without legislative power is growing in favor in this country.

He quotes much from California:

He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God?

He makes large citations in his review from the Jurisdictions that emphasize Historical Associations, saying under Nebraska:

This plan of linking American history and Masonry in America is a fine one.

He comments on the wonderful progress of Masonry in the Phillippine Islands:

It does seem remarkable that in fourteen years this Grand Lodge has grown from three lodges to ninety-nine.

England is well reviewed and Britishers everywhere will appreciate this sincere compliment:

There is something of power and also of gentle courtesy suggested in the world-wide jurisdictional fellowship of the Grand Lodge of England.

Under Canada he likes Bro. Rowland's reference to world events which he quotes at length and says that he stressed the value of advice, encouragement and a personal interest in the bestowing of benefactions. He speaks of the remarkable ethical essay on Masonry which closes our G.M's. address, a large part of which he shares with his readers. Our review of Proceedings he describes as comprehensive and says that facts are given in a concise way, interspersed with many quotations from addresses. We are glad that he appreciated our remarks of the meeting of the Canadian Bar Association in London where we met legal and Masonic representatives of Oregon.

PENNSYLVANIA

R.W. William M. Hamilton, Grand Master.

Quarterly Communication was held March 2nd, 1927. Several applications from lodges to grant permission to receive applications for permission to present a fourth petition for initiation and membership were granted. This procedure is, we think, unknown in Canada.

A lodge having found a member not guilty of a grave offense the Committee on Appeals reversed the decision and directed the lodge to proceed in accordance with their report and expel the Brother. With us of course a lodge cannot expel a Brother.

Membership 207,368. Net increase 3,320.

A Brother of Pennsylvania now in Oregon celebrated his 100th brithday having served 72 years as a member of Lodge No. 2. The Bell Telephone Company gave them a clear and direct wire to Oregon for the occasion.

The retirement of our old friend Bro. Penman and the succession of Bro. Laird as Grand Correspondent was announced.

Quarterly Communication was held June 1.

An expelled Brother was restored to good standing as evidence was produced showing that he now leads an honourable and an upright life and that the granting of the prayer of the lodge will be in accordance with the spirit of the Fraternity.

Then follows a most instructive report of the Committee on Appeals regarding LODGE TRIALS which will be helpful to us in Canada as to the Brethren of our sister Jurisdictions. We make the following extracts as to procedure and the underlying principles of evidence:

It is sufficient for a proper understanding of the case to say that the errors complained of relate First, to the procedure followed by the lodge and the Trial Committee; Second, to defects in the record as certified to Grand Lodge; and Third, to the finding of the Committee and the action of the lodge.

In order to adequately prepare a defense to such a charge it would be necessary for him to be prepared to account to the Committee for his actions during every hour since he had been made a Mason.

The accused was requested to leave the second meeting before it was over, and testimony was taken after he left.

It is a basic principle of the administration of justice that one accused of any crime shall have the right to face his accusers, to be present when any testimony is offered against him, to examine the witnesses who may testify against him, and to offer evidence to combat or refute it.

Your Committee can not too strongly emphasize the statement that any person against whom charges have been preferred must be notified of the time, and place of every meeting of the Trial Committee at which evidence will be received, and must be permitted to be present and to remain until all of the evidence has been introduced. In default of this, no person so accused can in any sense of the word be deemed to have had a fair trial.

Where, as in this case, the charge is one of an infamous crime, which at best is difficult to disprove and which is very often used for blackmail, no man should be convicted upon testimony that is not positive, obvious and exact, and which would leave no reasonable doubt of his guilt.

Your Committee are unanimous in their belief that not only was the evidence not sufficient, but that there was no competent evidence at all. The testimony of the accuser was indefinite, vague and wholly hearsay.

We reiterate an *ex parte* affidavit is not evidence, and is not a deposition within the meaning of the Ahiman Rezon.

Where possible, the testimony of all witnesses should be taken by the Trial Committee, whether the witness be a member of the Fraternity or not.

A deposition should only be used where the witness for sufficient reason, cannot be brought before the Trial Committee.

The munificent gift of Bro. Eisenlohr of over $87,000 for additional accommodation of girls at the Home in Elizabethtown was gratefully acknowledged.

Quarterly Communication was held September 7. Another Brother was restored, the Committee reporting:

Your Committee is of the opinion that, although his fault was grave and, at the time of his expulsion from the lodge the same was merited; the young man has given clear proofs of repentance; has been, and is, conducting himself in an exemplary manner and that it would be wise to remove the expulsion.

As to the altar the Grand Master made the following ruling:

I have decided, in order to establish a standard, that the Altar shall be 34 inches long, 24 inches wide, 24 inches high, and that the Lights shall be located five feet, six inches apart. The Lights to be equi-distant from the corners of the Altar.

Quarterly Communication was held December 7.

The Trustees of the Girard bequests report over $126,000 on hand.

The total in the hands of Trustees approximates $550,000.

The Committee say:

The Library is now capable of furnishing the scholar, who is in search of Masonic knowledge, the means for the study of Freemasonry, in its various branches.

It is gratifying to know that interest in the Library and Museum is continually growing, and information is daily sought by the members of the Fraternity.

$12,000 was spent on it last year.

A monument to the memory of all Masonic members in the Jurisdiction who gave their lives in the World War 1917-1918 was dedicated on Armistice Day. A grove of live oaks also commemorates their gallantry.

With the help of the Employment Bureau 3,383 accepted positions in Philadelphia and 534 in Pittsburg. This is practical philanthrophy.

The Annual Grand Communication was held December 27, 1927, The Grand Master referring to a clandestine organization calling itself "Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania" reported.

An attempt was made by this body to register the same or similar emblems, they claiming the right, and the exclusive right, to their use. A registration by the rightful owner having previously been made, their application was refused by the Secretary, whereupon they made application to the Courts for a Writ of Alternative Mandamus, to compel such registration

by the State Secretary. The argument on this proceeding is now pending and it will, doubtless, be disposed of in the near future.

Pennsylvania condemns—and with reason—Appendant Organizations of whom the Grand Master says:

It would appear that the repeated warnings of Grand Masters against those organizations which attempt to create a semblance of connection with Freemasonry by their requirement of Masonic affiliation, has not been entirely without effect.

In order to prevent the further multiplication of these hangers on, an Edict was issued, early in the present year, forbidding membership in organizations hereafter to be established which require Masonic affiliation as a prerequisite to membership therein.

He calls attention to the extravagant sums paid out annually for banquets and refreshments.

The 200th anniversary of the formal establishment of Masonry on the American Continent will be observed in 1929.

Of very large lodges the G.M. well says:

Further than this, and more to be regretted, is the fact that it is not possible to build up a close personal association with more than a small percentage of its total membership, and as hand to back and breast to breast and knee to knee form the chief charm of that membership and the feature of greatest value to individual and organization, its absence causes the interest to wane and service which might have been of untold worth to the Fraternity, totally lost to it.

Here is an emphatic note to which all should take heed:

That letters to the Representative of a Lodge in Grand Lodge, signed by a number of Past Masters of the Lodge, and Form Letters, by whatever process they may have been produced, signed by an individual Past Master, said letters instructing the Representative how or for whom the vote of the said Past Master shall be cast on questions before Grand Lodge upon which a vote by Lodges is to be had, and in the election for Grand Officers, are unmasonic, and are hereby declared to be null and void and of no binding effect on said Representative.

Bro. J. Willison Smith was elected Grand Master and addressed the Brethren saying:

In taking a perspective of approaching opportunities, may we be inspired to more noble effort and carry into our lives the sentiment expressed by the late Bishop Phillips Brooks:

"Oh! do not pray for easy lives,
Pray to be stronger men.
Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers,
Pray for powers equal to your tasks?"

Herbert Russel Laird is welcomed to the Round-Table of the Craft. He summarizes the main topics which have interested the leaders during the year and the following ex-

tracts from his introduction will show that Pennsylvania has chosen the right man for the work:

Foremost in the proceedings is the all-pervading question of Masonic Educaton which is given serious consideration by nearly every Grand Lodge—one wonders sometimes if it is not regarded from a too serious standpoint.

Conditions regarding study are to-day as they always were and probably always will be. There has been and there is that element which delights in study and research, and there has been and likely always will be that element willing to leave all such to their leaders.

Certainly neither retrogression, dry rot nor lack of desire to do that which will benefit humanity is evidenced by the things being done by the present Masonic generation which has to speak for it the millions invested in Benevolent Funds and in Homes for the aged and the orphan; Educational Loan Funds which with their several millions are making it possible for thousands of ambitious students to complete their educations; Hospitals with invested millions which are doing such a wonderful work—these tell the story of present day Masonry—they indicate the bigness of the Masonic heart and the appreciation of Masonic obligations, and they warrant an optimistic faith in the Freemason who can always be depended upon to do his full duty in time of emergency; whose response to the call of charity is always sympathetic and generous, and who is loyal to God and country.

This under British Columbia is spicy:

Pennsylvania, is accorded three pages of Brother DeWolf-Smith's review and he refers to the making of a Mason at sight as "a very doubtful pre-rogative"—by what measure doubtful—that of British Columbia or Pennyslvania yardstick?

He takes another bite of pickle and says: "It is somewhat remarkable that the receipients of this honor—if it is an honor—are never taken from the humbler ranks of life" —that seems easy to anyone but Brother DeWolf-Smith, and he can have three tries at the answer—just three tries—before the class in Masonic courtesy is dismissed.

With evident approval he quotes our G.M. regarding the Eastern Star:

One wonders why it is that an Order, strong enough, and old enough to stand and walk alone, should deny the dignity and independence that properly belong to it, and lean upon the "patrimonial support" of men, whose mere connection with it renders their Masonic standing a matter of doubt. But so it is, and the Grand Master is called upon to rule or counsel or advise.

He thinks our review furnishes a very complete epitome of the transactions, and of the deliverances of Grand Masters and orators and quotes parts which appeal to him.

This under Maine may be relished by many:

Paragraph after paragraph might be reproduced greatly to the edification and instruction of Pennsylvania readers. He hands an odoriferous bouquet to Alabama, which no doubt will be soothing to its olfactory nerves:

"Besides the 'Order of De Molay' we find the 'Order of Rainbow for Girls' coming into the session for brief greeting and response. This correspondent expects that the next thing will be 'The Seraphic Order of Infantile Cherubs' when the mothers of prospective Masons and O. E. S. sisters will bring their offerings to our Masonic altars chanting the beautiful old gospel hymn, 'What will the Harvest be'."

Saskatchewan's aspiration is shared:

"May our Vision of the Most High ever grow clearer,
And our love for our fellow man ever grow dearer."

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Francisco A. Delgado, M.W. Grand Master.

The Fifteenth Annual Communication was held at Manila, January 25, 1927. No less than 10 Past Grand Masters graced the East and nearly 300 members were present.

Vice-Governor and Secretary of Public Instruction, E. A. Gilmore was made a Mason at sight, the three Degrees in abbreviated form being conferred.

Canada's Grand Representative is not reported as present.

From the Grand Master's able address we take the following:

The powers and prerogatives of the subordinate lodges and their officers, as defined and prescribed in our Constitution and regulations, have been most zealously respected. We have exerted our authority only in those rare cases in which the interest of the Grand Lodge or of the Fraternity in general was seriously involved.

The public gatherings of our lodges and brethren in the provinces and in this metropolis as well, are always very largely attended by the best elements of our respective communities, our members are among the leaders of thought and action and our lodges are more and more being regarded as the true beacon lights for the diffusion of truth, knowledge, morality and charity.

Three new lodges were formed and four charters granted.

A paper called the "*Cabletow*" is published.

The columns of the Cabletow are available for making known to the Craft the material, which under other circumstances would have to be conveyed to the lodges and brethren by means of circulars.

It is surprising to note the variety and scope of the questions which come up and the problems which confront the various officers of our more than one hundred lodges; and it

has been gratifying to observe the confidence and reliance placed in your Grand Master.

This sense of freedom to consult the Grand Master, which we have fostered in every way possible, is a fine omen and augurs well.

On foreign relations he would not appear to be so strict as other Jurisdictions, saying:

Those having only the irregularity of complete Scottish Rite origin in remote years, seem probably deserving of general recognition if the demands of jurisdiction, territory and the Great Light are considered paramount.

It is further recommended that such censure as is possible by this Grand Lodge remain in force until the Grand Orient of France closes its illegal and unlawfully constituted so called lodges in any of the several Grand Jurisdictions of the United States of North America.

The primary laws are three: legitimacy of origin, sovereignty over its territory, and adherence to the ancient Landmarks. A Body which does not obey these laws may not legally use the name Masonic. In a country in which no Grand Lodge is established, as for example in China, any Grand Lodge can charter lodges.

Of the Home Fund of the Islands he thus reports progress:

The sum in the Home Fund at the close of this year is P85,000.00, all invested in some manner earning interest which will add to the sum total as the years advance.

The old trouble with the Mystic Shrine still has its echoes, the Shrine having defied the Grand Master and Grand Lodge.

We are not aware of any official action taken in connection with our protest, by the authorities of the Mystic Shrine though it is understood that the Shrine is not sympathetic with the action taken by this Grand Lodge. However, the present Imperial Potentate, in recent correspondence with our Grand Secretary, has promised to consider very carefully the situation here before issuing any dispensation for a ceremonial in the Philippines.

We thank all the Grand Masters, Grand Lodges, and other Masons who have taken the matter up, and acted in our behalf either as commending our action, or placing on record their approval of the action of this Grand Lodge.

As to dress in the tropics the Grand Master suggested this resolution which found favor:

That it is the sense of the Grand Lodge considering the peculiar climatic conditions existing in this Jurisdiction, that the white tuxedo and a white straw hat is just as appropriate for the Grand Officers and Masters and other officers for attendance in all formal ceremonies as the time-honored dress-suit and top hat.

He also recommends that steps be taken to remove the limitations on taking in enlisted men and officers of the United States Navy stationed in Philippine waters.

From his eloquent conclusion these paragraphs:

In all my travels in hundreds of kilometers of territory covered by this Grand Jurisdiction never did I meet unpleasantness caused by intentional affront or the slightest sign of lack of cordiality.

We should be particularly careful in selecting for our officers those only who can stand successfully the minutest scrutiny of friends and foes into their private and public life. We should never forget that—

"Faith without works is dead;
Profession without practice, dead, also;
A man's a Mason only when he strives
To make his practice quadrate with his creed.

Membership 6,842. Net increase 5.

Grand Secretary Comfort's Report closes unusually with this poetry:

If we could push ajar the gates of life
And stand within and all God's workings see,
We could interpret all this doubt and strife,
And for each mystery could find a key.

The Grand Lecturer says:

There is a commendable tendency among our lodges who have both English and Spanish-speaking members, to organize teams for both languages so that the work may be put on at any moment in either English or Spanish.

Unfortunately, our Spanish ritual contains many passages that are either obscure or the grammatical construction of which is defective.

In all the degree work it should be borne in mind that we are preparing a new stone; a perfect ashlar, as represented by the candidate, to be fitted into our Masonic structure. One careless stroke by an incompetent workman may ruin it, and therefore the greatest care should be taken to see that all who take part in the work are well skilled in the use of our working tools.

The Grand Orator said:

The subject primarily treated is that of the British occupation of Manila from 1762, to 1764, together with antecedent facts bearing upon the expedition—with relation to the generally accepted legend that the British Army of occupation first established masonry in the Philippine Islands.

The only record at Freemason's Hall, London, with reference to the 79th Regiment of Foot, otherwise known as the Cameron Highlanders, shows that it held a warrant from the "Ancients" that is the junior of the two Grand Lodges of England, the one established in 1751.

While Masonic writers are all silent as to any Masonic history of the original 39th Highland Regiment, and no records appear to exist, it is nevertheless a fact, worthy of further consideration, that this regiment was raised in 1759 with the assistance of the Duke of Athol.

The Committee on Employment report that 20 per cent. of the applicants were placed and adds this discount on respectability:

As a rule, applicants whose superior instruction entitles them to well-paid positions and those whose scant training puts them in the class of ordinary clerks are the least fortunate.

Relations were severed with the Grand Orient of France.

Master Masons and their ladies were invited to be present at installation.

The new Grand Master Schmidt spoke:

Worshipful Brothers Fischer and Banks were thanked for their efficient and acceptable services as interpreters during Grand Lodge Communication.

Quintin Paredes represents Canada and the Philippines are represented by Walter M. Ross.

M.W. Bro. George R. Harvey, P.G.M. gives the Review of Proceedings of sister Jurisdictions. In his comprehensive introduction he says:

There is still complaint among Grand Masters against "extraneous organizations" which make Masonry a basis of membership.

The reviewers of some Grand Lodges deprecate the fact that the correspondence reports are not made available to the Craft in general.

The Grand Master of Texas says: "When Masonry as an organization engages in partisan politics it is on a toboggan slide to a condition of chaos just as we find in Mexico." The Grand Master of Wisconsin says: "We refuse to recognize foreign Grand Lodges that permit the discussion of political questions in their lodges; why trespass in this behalf ourselves."

There is less complaint with reference to religious discussions. Some of the Grand Orators are inclined to mix their religious dogmas with their Masonic theories.

Under Belgium we find this comment. It is well to read both sides:

Congratulations are also in order for the efforts being made towards the *restoration* of the Book of Law and of the requirement of a belief in a Supreme Being. We know of no Masons better than those of Belgium. Enlightened, sincere, generous, strong and fearless, they have been carrying on a courageous war in behalf of liberty of conscience and thought in a country as priest-ridden as any. Though their interpretation of certain principles differs from ours, they are not atheists; they keep politics out of their lodges as scrupulously as we do and

Symbolic Masonry is abolutely independent from the Bodies of Scottish Rite Masonry in Belgium.

Our Belgian Brethren sincerely regret the action of the Grand Lodge of New York in breaking off fraternal relations with their Grand Orient, and we hope that, a few years hence, that break will be a matter of the past. We need a Masonry united and strong and believe in concessions on both sides of the house to keep it so.

Canada is well reviewed. Our colleague speaks of the excellent address of the Grand Master and of his brief and pointed style. He details our activities and refers specially to our proposed negotiations with Foreign Jurisdictions. He is kind enough to say that our Review is in his opinion the best part of Canada's very creditable volume and that they look forward to it from year to year.

Under Mexico he sums up the situation:

York Grand Lodge seems to be winning out and the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands still recognizes that Grand Lodge as regular.

We get some rare and interesting information under THE NETHERLANDS:

The 118 lodges under the obedience of the Grand Orient of the Netherlands are situated in Holland, Netherlands East India, Netherlands West India, and South Africa, 57 being located in the mother country.

The Annual Communication was held in the renovated Temple of the Order at The Hague.

The Grand Master believes Masonry is not doing enough to enlighten the non-Masonic world regarding its aims and work and thinks more use should be made of the press for this purpose.

The first act of the Grand Orient was to send a telegram to the Queen, with the usual protestations of loyalty.

Our Dutch Brethren think a lodge is getting too big when we have an idea that it is barely beginning to be sizable.

The Scotch Lodges in Netherlands East India still maintain the most harmonious relations with the Dutch Lodges there.

COSTA RICA is also interestingly reviewed and from it we extract these paragraphs:

Provision was made for a bond issue of $10,000 for a Masonic Temple.

The present Grand Officers were installed on December 28, 1925, the twenty-sixth annual communication. The incoming Grand Master "delivered an interesting message discussing various topics and making special reference to the construction of the Masonic Temple in these Valleys; to Co-Masonry; to the necessity of stimulating more intimate relations between Masons; to the manner in which religious and

political questions should be treated in order not to provoke disputes between Brethren; and how the papers of candidates for initiation and affiliation should be handled in the lodges of the Jurisdiction.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

John M. Nicholson, M.W. Grand Master.

The Fifty-second Annual Communication was held at Kensington, June 22nd, 1927.

Canada's Grand Representative did not respond.

Nine Past Grand Masters were present, an excellent record for a Jurisdiction of this size.

The first paragraphs of the Grand Master's address are striking and significant:

Another year has passed! How significant is this brief and commonplace statement! Another page in the Journal of Years is about to be turned, and it is for us to ask ourselves frankly and fearlessly just what appears to our credit in the record of the year that has become a memory, and what have we to carry forward to the spotless surface of the new sheet. The challenge comes to each individual Mason, to each particular lodge, and to this Grand Lodge as a body: can we justify our Masonic existence? Does our zeal for Masonry and our appreciation of its purpose, aims and ideals warrant our gathering to-day in a mood of self-congratulation, or have our failures outweighed our successes, the debit entries outnumbered the credits?

Ours is a governing responsibility. In our care is a great instrument; its potentialities for good are without limit.

The activity of closely united men. Masonry is activity and that with a purpose, an ultimate purpose—to bring about a universal league of mankind.

Not a League of Nations but a "League of Mankind"! And there is a local application of this thought for each one of us. Masons in the true practice of their art "aspire to exhibit even now on a small scale" such a condition.

> Let us do our work as well
> Both the unseen and the seen;
> Make the House where Gods may dwell,
> Beautiful, entire and clean.

He pays a touching tribute to the departed and thus impresses our duty:

> The actions of the just,
> When memory hath enshrined them,
> E'en from the dark and silent dust
> Their fragrance leave behind them.

To pay our respects to the memory of a deceased Brother by attendance at his funeral is a duty.

With regard to our Confederation Jubilee he makes an interesting remark:

We are indeed citizens of "No mean Country". As we unite in commemorating this great event, it is pleasing to recall that in our own Provincial Capital was held the first conference having in view the union of the Canadian Colonies. It is interesting to us as Masons to know that among the "Fathers of Confederation" in this Province were two members of Victoria Lodge: Brothers Pope and Haviland.

He has strong and worthy views on Masonic Education and Benevolence:

No thought seems to be given. Few know anything of Masonic history. The new Brother who seeks information knows not where to turn. The whole concern is to "put on" degrees and to make lodge members, some of whom ultimately become Past Masters in name, but not in knowledge.

I think, too, that it would be well to include in our annual Proceedings a Review of Foreign Grand Lodges. This would be of considerable interest and helpful to many of us.

It has been said that Masonry should have a "Definite Object" here in our own Province. I fear that we generalize too much.

Like the Children of Israel we must go forward. There comes to us a call to purposeful action and high living. John Ruskin has said: "Let every dawn of morning be to you as the beginning of life, and every setting sun be to you as its close. Then let every one of these short lives leave its sure record of some kindly thing done for others: some goodly strength of knowledge gained for yourself.

God gave us life not just to buy and sell,
And all that matters is to live it well.

The D.G.M. Bro. Drake who was elected Grand Master, says:

The past is beyond our control, but its failures and reverses may not be without value to us, if we profit by the lessons they teach.

Membership 1,197. Net increase 20.

The Grand Lecturer makes a brief but strong report concluding:

It is highly desirable that full advantage be taken, and decisive use made of this "Golden Hour" in Masonry, to the end that the new Brother may become a Mason rather than merely a Member of the Masonic Fraternity.

"And we must take the current when it's served,
Or lose our ventures."

The Committee called De Molay a very excellent institution but do not recommend its organization in Prince Edward Island.

The Craft formed in Grand Procession and attended Divine Service in St. Mark's Anglican Church, when the Chaplain of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 1, Halifax, Bishop Hac Kenley preached. The service is printed in full. His text was:

"Study to show thyself approved to God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

And he said in part:

What we want to realize much more than is being realized in our Order to-day is that the Almighty God is not only a great Architect of the Universe, but he is the central figure, the dominant personality of every regular constituted law.

Now are we not putting that great personality a little bit on the back ground and centering more upon the outward form of the ceremony than we do upon the personality that is the fundamental personality upon which our ritual and our work is based.

Now then in Masonry we are not members of a clan unless in Masonry we are privileged to wear certain signs and badges, but the greatest badge of Masonry is one who is a workman.

Roy E. McLean of Souris, represents Canada, and R.W. Bro. Thomas Rowe represents Prince Edward Island.

QUEBEC

William J. Ewing, M.W. Grand Master.

The Proceedings are preceded by a fine portrait of Walter C. Hagar who was elected Grand Master but who lived only a few weeks after the annual gathering.

The Fifty-seventh Convocation was held 9th February, 1927, in Montreal.

Ten Past Grand Masters, all well known names, testified their fidelity by their co-operation in the Grand East.

Canada was represented by M.W. Bro. J. A. Cameron, who drew attention to the lack of promptness in opening Grand Lodge, a criticism unanimously approved.

M.W. Bro. Rowland was cordially welcomed. During his address Grand Master Ewing said:

I would especially request that every new member feel perfectly free to take part in our deliberations, and debates, and be prepared to give to this Communication, the benefit of their counsel and advice.

He recorded the appointment of R.W. Bro. Dargavel, our Deputy Grand Master, as Grand Representative of Quebec, in the room and stead of the ever lamented Thomas Shanks.

He expressed the opinion that the time was drawing near when our Brethren in Quebec would have a Temple of which they might all be proud.

He records with pleasure his visit to Ontario on March 30th.

I was privileged to address the Brethren at the banquet and spoke on the need of all classes and societies, working together in promoting a better feeling between the various Provinces, and races of our Great Dominion, and I am in hopes that our visit will do something to further this great aim.

He spoke of the reception Quebec had accorded in Elgin Lodge to the Earl of Elgin, Past Grand Master of Scotland, a reception which we in Ontario might well have duplicated.

With regard to the proposed establishment of a new lodge which apparently without authority had been approved by the D.D.G.M. of the District, the Grand Master says:

May I take this opportunity, to warn the officers of Grand Lodge, both present and future, to be more cautious in dealing with similar petitions, and not let their zeal run away with their judgment.

May I also impress upon all members of Grand Lodge, that the question of granting or refusing dispensations, is a matter for the Grand Master alone to decide, and is his sole prerogative.

The responsibility for his action rests upon him, and upon no other person, and no Grand Master will be prepared to surrender this prerogative to any subordinate officer, however able and enthusiastic he may be.

Having been asked to grant a Dispensation to form a colored lodge he ruled:

I consider that it would be a grave error to recognize any distinction of race or color in this Jurisdiction, and that it is contrary to all British Institutions, to so differentiate between races, and I therefore refused to entertain the proposition.

He thus concludes:

The day has gone by when one country can live to itself, or when any part of our great Dominion can be isolated from the other sections, or refuse to assume its share of the common burdens and aspirations, which belong to the nation as a whole; and I know of no higher service that we can perform to our country, at this particular period in her history, than that of doing our share in promoting a spirit of tolerance and good will amongst the different races and creeds in this Canada of ours. And furthermore I know of no body of men, who, on account of their peculiar training in the principles of harmony and brotherly love, can do more towards achieving this aim, than the Masonic Order.

The Grand Chaplain delivered an excellent speech on "Our Masonic Conception of Life, Its Virtue and Its Perils" in the course of which he said:

The next best discovery the heart of a man can make is that he dwells in the midst of things which, at times, have a strange and wonderful power of ethical and religious suggestiveness in them—that nature, for instance, has a startling way at times of arousing the ethical ambitions and spiritual aspira-

tions of the soul. Sometimes that discovery is made by one who, like the Old Testament saint, looks up into the heavens on a starry night, and feels impelled to say, "The Heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge." The same discovery finds voice in the more modern cry of the enraptured scientist, "O God, I am thinking thy thoughts after Thee."

In the prophecies of the Prophet Amos is the record of a vision the prophet had of a man with plumbline in his hand, testing an ill-built wall, which is evidently symbolical of his nation. And the voice of God gives to the prophet the interpretation of his vision in the words: "I will not again pass by them any more." Do you see the significance of it? It is the word of the Supreme Building Inspector of the Universe uttering His inevitable finding.

Membership 14,689. Net gain 537.

Grand Secretary Williamson said in his able report:

It has been stated that not more than twenty per cent. of suspended members ever resume their standing in the Order and as this is a serious condition it seems to demand some drastic action. Perhaps if more of the personal touch and less of the postage stamp method were adopted the drain might be, to some extent, stopped.

The Committee on the Grand Master's address reported:

There is no color line in Masonry and if for no other reason than this the Grand Master was amply justified in refusing to entertain a proposal for the issue of a dispensation to form a colored lodge.

By attending a number of church services during the year with members of some of our lodges our Grand Master has followed in the footsteps of several of his predecessors in office who also in their day merited and received thereby the approval of the Craft.

Again and for the fortieth consecutive time M.W. Bro. E. T. D. Chambers, presents his able and searching report on Foreign Jurisdictions and we cull this from his introduction:

The story told by these volumes of transactions—is that of well sustained progress and prosperity in all legitimate Freemasonry the world over and one can scarcely follow the records of the beautiful teachings of the Craft as contained in the utterances of Grand Masters, Grand Chaplains, Grand Lodge Committees and other leading craftsmen without sharing in some instances and to some extent at least the feeling described by a reader of Izaak Walton's "Biographies" that "the pen which wrote them must have been formed from a feather that fell from an angel's wing."

Under Arizona he says:

The present reviewer is not sufficiently enamored with Mexican Masonry to enthuse very much over either the visit, the reception or the enthusiasm above described.

He gives a very full report of the California Representative's visit to Ireland, from which we take two paragraphs:

The *Irish Times* in an editorial comment bravely and justly stated that "the celebration was an expression of the pride and gratitude of tens of thousands of Irishmen and of the good-will of the legion of fellow-craftsmen in other lands.

If the present celebrations help to dispel ignorance, they will have done a good service to the cause of national peace and progress. Ireland, North and South, has no sons more patriotic, no citizens more useful, than those who are enrolled as Masons".

Under Canada 1926 he spoke of not merely our numerical and financial increase but also of the evidently deeper interest in Masonry itself. Others of his comments are as follows and we appreciate his friendly notice:

Over $100,000 was expended by Grand Lodge for benevolent purposes, and the Grand Master commented well and wisely upon the co-operation that should exist on the part of private lodges with Grand Lodge in this matter of benevolence.

One of the most interesting and at the same time most informative features of the volume before us is Brother Shanks' report on the Condition of Masonry, which we should have liked to have been able to reproduce bodily.

One cannot too highly praise the scholarly and instructive Correspondence Report of Bro. Ponton which so ably reviews in 250 pages the volumes of Proceedings that came to him from 67 different Jurisdictions.

In his review of Alabama he says, and we agree with the propriety of his question:

We are not booming the ladies of the Eastern Star, but it is only fair to point out their close co-operative position in regard to Alabama and other southern Jurisdictions, and also to present the point of view of the Eastern Star itself. Why cannot they be induced to drop the Masculine Master Mason adjuncts and run their own show, thus winning the respect of all, avoiding interference with a "good standing" with which they have nothing to do, and to which secretaries should not be permitted to certify, and do infinitely better work as an independent organization.

Everyone will endorse what he says about Bro. Block of Iowa:

We are delighted to have in the volume before us a portrait of Louis Block, the erudite author for some years past of Iowa's splendid Correspondence Reports.

To the age old question of Job "If a man die shall he live again?" Masonry squarely makes answer "No!". Yet in the same breath through the symbolism of the Acacia it proclaims that a man simply does not die.

> Aye a man's body may die. But what of that?
> The man is not his body.

Nay, but as when one layeth
His worn-out robes away,
And, taking new ones sayeth,
'These will I wear to-day!'
So putteth by the spirit
Lightly its garb of flesh,
And passeth to inherit
A residence afresh.

Again under Massachusetts he reverts to Ireland and we cannot get information from a better source:

I do not know the Masonic population of Ireland as the Grand Lodge does not publish membership figures. It considerably exceeds fifty thousand, however. Irish Lodges, like English Lodges, are very small. According to the latest published returns there are six hundred and sixty-nine lodges on the roster. Fifty-one of these are in locations outside Ireland and seven are military lodges attached to British Army units and having no fixed location. Six hundred and eleven lodges are in Ireland, scattered all over the country. Seventy-three of these are in Dublin, which is as you know, in the Free State, and seven are in Cork. It is, however, true that Masonry is much stronger in Ulster than in the Free State. The membership of the Fraternity is of a fine type both among the leaders and the rank and file. . . . The labor situation is very bad. The old feelings of rebellion and discontent seems to have transferred themselves from the political to the industrial field.

We greet our venerable and veteran Brother with all the honour due to his personality and his ripe experience.

QUEENSLAND

M.W. Brother C. Stumm, K.C., Grand Master.

A special communication was held at Brisbane, July 27, 1926, for the installation of Officers.

From the address by the veteran M.W. Bro. Hertzberg, Installing Officer, we take these sentences:

The greater the responsibility, the greater, necessarily, the honour; the greater the honour the greater the expectations of your Brethren, and the greater their moral claim on you for guidance by precept and example.

No man can work alone, and in Masonry, as in ordinary life, there must be mutuality, to make a perfect and lasting whole. As a man gives so should he receive, if you have duties and responsibilities towards us, so have we, the rank and file of Freemasonry, towards you.

The Grand Master's address was brief but striking as the following paragraphs will indicate:

I have emphasised again and again that Freemasonry should not be a lodge room Freemasonry.

Freemasonry would be indeed an empty shell if that were all it meant, and that was the only way in which we as individuals interpreted it.

We should very carefully study what those ceremonies are intended to teach and to convey, and realize what I have sometimes called the soul of the ceremony.

Masons support truth against falsehood; honour against dishonour; honesty against dishonesty; everything that is right against everything that is wrong.

Those tenets are in the care of every Freemason, and every Brother remembering that he is a link in a chain, should endeavour to be a source of strength to the whole by his efforts to possess and practice those tenets.

At the Quarterly meeting held September 18, 1926, this interesting question was discussed at length:

Practice Meetings on Sundays have been abused, and he recommends to Grand Lodge that such practice meetings be not held without the permission of the Board of General Purposes; also that Grand Lodge prohibit the consumption of alcoholic liquor before, at or after such meetings.

President Nevill of the Board of General Purposes said:

Referring to the matter of practice meetings on Sunday, you will find, on consulting the Book of Constitutions "All masons shall work honestly on working days, that they may live creditably on holy days; and the time appointed by the law of the land or confirmed by custom, shall be observed." That is practically one of the antient landmarks of the Order, and from this it would appear that practice meetings, if held on Sunday, are to be conducted creditably.

Whilst recognising that Freemasonry is not a religion, yet our teaching is of such a character that it does not allow Masonic meetings to be held which in any way prove detrimental to members attending Divine Service of their own respective denomination. We should be particularly careful to avoid doing anything calculated to deter a Brother from the exercise of his religious duties.

Fraternal Relations with Belgium were severed.

There is a Ballot Committee through which, discriminating mint, all applications pass. They report having received 371 applications for initiation and 89 for joining Brethren.

As to new lodges the Committee say:

The Permission to Ballot Committee is ever mindful of the fact that it is essential that the three principal officers of a new lodge should be Brethren of ability, with a good record of Masonic Service.

The general fund is about £59,000 Sterling, of which a large portion is the Benevolent Fund.

The surplus over period of 4 years in connection with the Freemasons' Home of Queensland reaches the fine total of £1,889.

Quarterly meeting was held December 1, 1926, and we have enjoyed reading a mixture of humor, of Scottish patriotism and of earnest pleading in connection with the following clause of the Report of the Board of General Purposes. We do not think that the matter would be taken quite so seriously in Canada and our neighbors' sensitive ears are not always the subject of such tender solicitude as was displayed by the Board.

Again the Scottish thistle lived up to its motto "Nemo me impune lacessat.":

A prohibition has been placed on the lodges in regard to the use of "MacDuffs," "Jolly Good Fellow," and other similar expressions. The Board wishes it to be clearly understood that it has taken this action on account of complaints received from residents in the neighbourhood of the Halls, and as it does not conform to the dignity and solemnity that should at all times govern Masonic meetings, the Board feels sure it has only to place this aspect before the lodges and the latter will at once readily acknowledge the position and unanimously fall into line.

From the debate without crediting specifically the remarks to the speakers, we garner the following sheaves:

It must be remembered that we are now one United Grand Lodge of Queensland, which embraces the English, the Scottish, the Irish and the Queensland Masons. Now there were certain ones that had little mannerisms of their own. The Scottish are a virile race. They have their own emotions and they have their own way of expressing them. For instance, witness the use of the bagpipes. To an Englishman these expressions might appear somewhat apart from the purpose and extravagant. Now I think the "Macduffs" originated in the Scottish Lodges, and the United Grand Lodge should certainly not try to take away any little mannerisms such as this. There is certainly nothing in the Volume of the Sacred Law which would lead us to take this drastic action, and with the mover I think Grand Lodge and the Board of General Purposes should re-consider this prohibition and refrain from attempting to eliminate privileges epjoyed at the time of the Union.

I do not wish to be rude or inconsiderate of the feelings of those responsible for this position; but would state that the cutting away of the "Macduffs" is the cutting away of the kilts of a Scotchman. The "Macduff" is a Royal greeting, and it has been handed down from time immemortial. Does this prohibition mean that with the "Jolly Good Fellow" there also goes the singing of "Auld Lang Syne and Hip, Hip, Hurrah!" I solemnly enter my protest.

In our lodge we have discussed this matter, and have come to the conclusion that we desire to carry on. The "Macduff" has been in use in Scotland since 1047. It has been carried on all those centuries in Scotland, and it has been carried on in Queensland for the last fifty years at least.

I desire to state that "Macduffs" is an integral part of Scottish Freemasonry. When Macduff defeated Macbeth, the King said he would grant Macduff three great wishes in 1057, which he did. The Macduffs were a people who were carrying on Freemasonry in Scotland at that time. The Stone which the great Patriarch Jacob used as a pillow was carried to Scotland by a Macduff, and the latest King of Scotland was crowned on it by a Macduff. It was later removed to Westminster Abbey, and our Kings up to and including His Majesty King George V., were crowned upon it.

The "Macduff" was instituted at a Masonic gathering and has been given in Masonic gatherings by Scottish Freemasons ever since. If in doing this we are disturbing people at a late hour of the night, then we are prepared to consider our position: but if we have reason to think that we are doing no harm nor causing any annoyance outside the lodge-room, then we want you to leave us alone.

I very much question whether the noise referred to is any greater than that of singing "God Save the King".

One Brother asked if the Lodge was closed and the members being at the festive Board had the Board of General Purposes any jurisdiction. I state that whilst the Master and the Wardens are presiding, the lodge is there, even if it is at refreshment, because it is well known then to be under the immediate superintendence of the Junior Warden.

The recommendation of the Board was voted down and Macduff rides triumphant on the breeze.

Quarterly Communication was held March 2nd, 1927.

With regard to Hall Stone Jewels to be granted to lodges as part of the Temple scheme—a monument to citizen soldiers who fell, and to the unity of Freemasonry in Queensland—the Board reported:

It has been truly said that the highest honour that can be conferred on any member of a Lodge is to instal him as its Master. I think this is an instance in which even this honour can be enhanced, for the reason that any lodge that possesses a Hall Stone Jewel has a lasting record that it has done its bit voluntarily for the great National Masonic Scheme that has been taken in hand.

The question of amalgamation of the two Masonic Homes (now happily consummated) was introduced by M.W. Bro. Hertzberg:

A quarterly Communication was held June 1, 1927, at which M. W. Bro. Stumm made the following diplomatic suggestion:

That the Committees of the two Institutions consider it desirable to amalgamate.

May I just add as a suggestion to the members of this joint Committee what I have found exceedingly useful in all negotiations for amalgamation? It is that the members of the

Committee pay the most attention to the many matters on which I am sure there is absolute agreement, and place in the background the few points of difference. It is indeed a great pleasure and delight to Grand Lodge to know that amalgamation is progressing.

The address to the Duke and Duchess of York has the right ring:

Loyalty and allegiance to the Sovereign of the British Empire is an essential qualification for the membership of our Order and we beg to assure your Royal Highness of our continued devoted loyalty and allegiance to His Sovereign Majesty the King, whom may the Great Architect of the Universe long preserve.

The advice of the Chairman to Ballot Committee should be considered by all:

Whenever you receive an application from a candidate you should at once put the question to yourself: "Is there any good reason why this applicant should be admitted?" If there is any doubt whatever in your mind, the lodge should be given the benefit of that doubt; and the Craft in general should be given the benefit of the doubt.

Full statistical reports of the Homes and of the splendid work done by them throughout this Grand Jurisdiction embracing about 2,200 members is appended. It is to be hoped that the Royal Arch Masons will display the same desire for nity as is displayed by Grand Lodge.

RHODE ISLAND

William L. Sweet, M.W. Grand Master.

Several Special Communications of Grand Lodge were held, at one of which, called to lay a corner-stone at Riverport, an old and personal friend, P.G.M. Wilbur A. Scott, delivered the oration, in the course of which he well said:

Such, in brief, is the simple yet solemn ceremony which we are about to perform. If it be accepted merely as a ceremony, the occasion will have little real or lasting significance, satisfying as may be the preachments here pronounced.

> We are all blind until we see
> That in the human plan
> Nothing is worth the making
> If it does not make the man.
>
> Why build these cities glorious
> If man unbuilded goes?
> In vain we build the world unless
> The builder also grows.

In those lines of Edward Markham we shall find the real spirit of this occasion. Let us test again the cornerstone upon which our individual Masonic structure rests, and if we find it

four square, let us rededicate ourselves to the service of God and our fellow men.

Every Mason in the quarry, every builder on the shore:
Every woodsman in the forest, every boatman at the oar,
Hewing wood, and hauling water, splitting stone and cleaving sod,
All the dusty ranks of labor in the regiment of God,
March together toward his Temple. do the tasks his hands prepare,
Honest toil is holy service, faithful work is praise and prayer.

Minutes of these meetings are mainly signed by S. Penrose Williams, former Grand Secretary, who passed away deeply regretted.

A semi-annual Communication was held in Providence, November 15th, 1926, at which nine Past Grand Masters testified their loyal duty by their attendance.

The great ceremony of the year was the laying of the corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple on Capitol Hill, Providence. Beautiful illustrations of the whole ceremony are given in the Proceedings and the entire ceremonial is reprinted in full. The Brethren were divided into six great divisions who marched to the place chosen as the great Masonic centre of the State. The Hon. Justice Burrows of the Supreme Court of Rhode Island delivered a eulogy on Masonry in which he said:

Freemasonry is old. To the modern generation antiquity is not a badge of merit. Are we too harsh in saying that it sometimes seems at present as if value is looked for only in novelty? The "gay nineties" furnish abundant amusement to our children.

After years of fruitless search you remember his discovery:

The Grail in my castle here is found
Hang up my idle armor on the wall.
Let it be the spider's banquet hall.
He must be fenced with stronger mail
Who would seek and find the Holy Grail.

If the man on yonder dome shall ask who knows the ancient landmarks—who cares for them, from the hall upon this spot the answer shall go back in unison, "We know." "We care." "We will strive mightily to preserve our heritage from Roger Williams."

Colors were then presented, the entire audience singing The Star Spangled Banner. The whole is summed up in the following:

With an audience of 25,000 citizens to watch the greatest outpouring of the Masonic fraternity in the history of the State, the Grand Lodge laid the cornerstone of the new Masonic Temple on Francis Street Hill.

The One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Communication was held in Providence, May 16, 1927.

Bro. Williams having died, the Grand Master appointed Harold L. McAuslan acting Grand Secretary and his appointment was confirmed, evidently a worthy choice.

The G.M. speaks of the splendid spirit of cordiality with which he had been received everywhere and acknowledges courtesies by the Grand Chapter and other Masonic bodies.

Of the Masonic Home Fund he says:

The report of the Trustees will disclose the fact that the income from the fund is now being properly and advantageously used to supplement the charitable and relief work of the subordinate lodges.

It cannot be too strongly emphasized, however, that the fund was not intended to relieve any subordinate lodge of the responsibility of making adequate provision for and of responding generously to the demands of its members or of their widows and orphans, for needed relief. The Trustees have taken the position that the income from the fund was not intended to be used for occasional or temporary assistance, and have logically, in my opinion, maintained that the applicant should be one who would be able to meet the reasonable requirements for admission to the average Masonic Home.

They have also insisted that the subordinate lodge should, in all cases, bear an equitable share of the expense involved.

He attended the meeting of the Masonic Service Association and he and those who accompanied him have nothing but praise to offer. Membership was continued. They are producing an up-to-date Masonic Encyclopedia, they publish the "Master Mason", they are making a survey of symbolic Freemasonry and they issue leaflets of instruction. They afford opportunity of contacts with Departments, with other Grand Lodges and Grand Officers, but they need funds for emergencies, as Florida and Mississippi proved, and the need is thus summed up:

Reaffirming our belief that the Masonic Service Association is a proper agency to engage the co-operation of the Grand Lodges of the United States in programs of relief of national scope, and that it should act not as an administrative body but as an agency for the dissemination of a knowledge and an understanding of an existing need, and as a medium through which funds may be collected and transmitted to the Grand Lodge whose authority shall determine the expenditure of the sum thus supplied.

At the Conference of Grand Masters held in Washington, February, 1927, there were 31 Grand Masters and 36 Grand Jurisdictions represented.

Some of the results of their deliberations are as follows:

It was the consensus of opinion that the E.A. degree should be conferred in the lodge in which the candidate had

been elected, and it was made known by the Grand Secretary of Iowa, who had compiled information on the subject, that 31 Jurisdictions conferred all three degrees by courtesy and that 17 Jurisdictions do not confer the E.A. degree, while Pennsylvania confers no degrees by courtesy.

That it be the sense of this Conference in cases of inter-jurisdictional relief that emergency relief be administered, and after that, that communication be had with the Grand Master of the Jurisdiction of the residence of the person in distress, the amount of emergent relief given to be within the discretion of the acting body.

Through the Educational Fund, scholarships have been awarded to the sons of Brethren at Brown University and the State College.

Winfield Scott Solomon was elected Grand Master. The writer remembers him as the efficient Master of Overseas Lodge with over 900 members, who entertained this Reviewer most hospitably some years ago.

The Past Grand Masters present waited upon the Grand Master-elect and escorted him into Grand Lodge, where he was installed.

Membership 18,291. Net gain 561.

The Masonic Service Board, under another old friend, Joseph Lawton, made an excellent report showing practical work well done.

There are no reviews but the Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported, recommending recognition of the Grand Lodge of Panama, but postponing consideration of applications from Ecuador, Mexico, Vienna and Egypt.

Lodge corporations are being dissolved.

Mount Vernon Lodge has a membership of 1219.

Canada is represented by Clarence P. Bearce and J. F. Reid, M.L.A., of Windsor, represents Rhode Island.

SASKATCHEWAN

M.W. Brother W. J. Smith, Grand Master.

We are delighted to see the intellectually alert features of M.W. Bro. W. M. Martin, the newly elected Grand Master, as a frontispiece to the Proceedings, which contain the approved rulings of Past Grand Masters. These Proceedings are specially directed to be kept on file for reference as the property of the Lodge and the instructions are issued that certain parts named shall be read at the first regular meeting of each lodge after receipt of copy.

The Twenty-first Annual Communication was held in Moose Jaw June 15, 1927, with nine Past Grand Masters present.

M.W. Bro. Gorrell represented Canada.

Deputy Grand Master Martin in reply to the Mayor's welcome assured him that all Brethren would keep within due bounds.

In acknowledging the greeting of the Moose Jaw Lodges Bro. Underhill said:

Let us go further and have a conscious impression of the kind and sincere welcome we have received this morning so that we may be the better able to conduct our labours in peace and close in harmony.

The Grand Master in his address pays this tribute to the late M.W. Bro. Thomson:

He was a man who abhorred the superficial and the spurious in life and throughout the jurisdiction and beyond he is yet speaking.

Masons should carry their Masonry in their hearts and not on their clothes, and that was the spirit of William Murray Thomson.

Of Grand Secretary Tate whose good repute is Continent-wide, and of District meetings he says:

The way he developed the suggestions given him, the unfolding of the underlying symbolism of the unwritten portions of our esoteric work, and the connection which he established in this work between the three degrees, was a revelation to me, and I am sure an inspiration to all who heard him.

When we find, as we found this past year, members ready to travel one hundred and fifty miles by auto to attend a district meeting; when we find members leaving their threshing machines to attend, we cannot but be moved and inspired by such enthusiasm.

Among his rulings and he gave many, we find the following:

Candidates in the first degree must be prepared and received individually and a candidate must not be received from a preparation room in which other candidates are in waiting.

The Worshipful Master cannot close a lodge in any degree in short form. He may suspend labor in one degree and resume in another lower degree for the purpose of doing work but he must resume labor in the original degree and close in full form.

This, however, does not prevent a lodge reconsidering at the same meeting, a motion which they have passed, without due consideration, provided that the mover and seconder of the motion to reconsider, voted with the majority in the first instance.

Where any number of brethren feel that the holding of any form of entertainment would be inconsistent with the purpose for which the lodge room was dedicated, such meeting cannot be held.

As to a Brother who is a Quaker and has conscientious objections to taking an Oath, such brother could not be installed as Master by affirming, I ruled that Grand Lodge had decreed

that it is not permissable to affirm in matters Masonic when the Oath is called for.

The Anniversaries of St. John the Baptist, and St. John the Evangelist were never intended to be considered as regular meetings of any lodge. They are Festive Meetings and have always been so regarded in all jurisdictions.

Lodge funds should be used for Masonic purposes and while there may be an occasional application for assistance which should not be passed over, such as a national calamity, the lodges in the Jurisdiction should make use of their funds for purely Masonic purposes.

He speaks strongly of our responsibility as citizens:

Brethren, a society composed of men who have this standard of citizenship set before them, a society which has ever proudly boasted of its tolerance with regard to the religious and political convictions of others, cannot, must not, allow its name to be used as countenancing or being in sympathy with lawlessness, coercion, or restraint of the liberties, rights and privileges of other citizens.

Wrongs may and do exist. We have no quarter for law breakers, and no respect for organized wrong doing and workers of evil, but we must not allow our institution to have its fair name identified as sympathizing with any organization which seeks to right wrongs, real or imaginary, by violence, intimidation or other methods not open to the light of day. You have individually as citizens in our democracy the means of cleaning up evil and righting wrongs in a legitimate way, by the intelligent exercise of your franchise, and we have no quarrel with peaceful, lawabiding, citizens who worship God at a different altar from that at which most of us bow.

He recounts the visit of R.W. Bro. Yorke at his request, to us in Ontario. He was indeed welcome.

Of international visits he well says:

We have a work to do in cementing that bond of union and furthering the peace and goodwill which have crowned the efforts of the two great Anglo-Saxon races during the past hundred years.

With regard to research and its expression he says:

To my mind one of the greatest and most lasting achievements and one fraught with the most far reaching consequences.

We have not seen Confederation better put than in his closing remarks:

But the greatest consolidation and the one of which we are proudest is that consolidation of States known as the British Commonwealth of Nations. During the past sixty years Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India, have emerged from Colonial to National status, but still embraced in that Great Confederation, the greatest the world has ever seen. We in Canada, we in Saskatchewan, composed as we are of the

sons of more than a score of nations, on this our Jubilee year, are a United people, proud to be included in this Empire.

May our Vision of the Most High ever grow clearer
And our love for our fellow man ever grow dearer.

Produce! Produce! Were it but the pitifullest infinitismal fraction of a Produce, produce it, in God's name! 'Tis the utmost thou hast in thee: out with it, then. Up, up! Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy whole might. Work while it is called To-day.

A letter was read from R.W. Bro. J. Obed Smith, Grand Representative in England, well known to this Reviewer as a fellow member of Canada Lodge, London.

The D.D.G.M's of sixteen Districts reported in concise form. Our own D.D.G.M's should follow this lead.

Twelve special Communications of Grand Lodge had been held during the year.

The Grand Secretary's Report is a model of clarity and comprehensiveness. He thus concludes:

Our Benevolent Fund has been built up during the years until we have today in invested funds over two hundred thousand dollars. Our District Meeting system, which has been a great factor in the upbuilding of the Craft in this Jurisdiction, has been brought to its present state of perfection, and our Educational and Research Work has put us in the forefront of Grand Lodges in Canada in this respect. It is for us to draw inspiration from the splendid achievements of those who laid the foundations of this Grand Lodge and in the lines of Van Dyke:

Follow the marks that they have set beside
The narrow cloud-swept track to be our guide;
Follow, and honour what the past has gained
And forward still, that more may be attained.

The ties of friendship which I have formed during the year I shall always cherish, remembering that:

True happiness
Consists not in the multitude of friends,
But in their worth and choice.

Grand Chaplain Howard delivered an eloquent address upon "The Challenge of the Craft to its Members" and among much else that might be well quoted he said:

What is the justification of her great hope? Her Faith and her Works. For when all her sons are intelligent and true, and the spirit of Masonry has her way as at last we believe she will, society will be,

A vast league of sympathy and justice,
A business system of humane service,
Law; a rule of beneficence,
The home more holy,
The laughter of a child more joyous.

The Report on the Condition of Masonry is an able document from which we take the following excerpts:

The great historian, Thomas Macaulay, states that all progress is made possible by the fact that we are not satisfied with present conditions and keep on striving for something better, but never quite able to reach the consummation of our dreams. Society constantly moves forward with eager speed and as constantly looks back.

This impatience, while stimulating us to surpass other generations, disposes us to over-rate their happiness. This is why the Golden Ages are always in the past and the Utopias always in the future.

The Credential Committee as usual, sparkles with originality:

From the faces appearing before us we learn that

Life has many and varied ends,
But the best it brings is the love of friends.
The past is gone with memories dear,
But to-day's alright and we're glad we're here.

At the dedication of the new Masonic Temple in Regina M.W. Bro. Williams said:

Who dreams shall live. May this Temple symbolize the Temple of Freemasonry in the Province—a Temple of reverence, of toleration, of faith, of fraternalism. In this great human edifice may Morality be the foundation, Truth and Virtue the supporting pillars and Brotherly Love the high priest who ministers at the altar.

J. Obed Smith is a real Grand Representative and gives a resume of the work of the Grand Lodge of England and its 4195 lodges.

M.W. Bro. Selwood's address was most appropriate:

Most Worshipful Sir, you are known throughout this great Province to be a very genial and kind hearted sheriff. In looking back through my twenty years of practice as a lawyer, I have never seen so many people at one time so happy over getting out of the hands of the Sheriff. This is all the more astounding because in escaping from their genial sheriff they have chosen to place themselves at the mercy of the Judge. Having known Most Worshipful Brother Mr. Justice Martin for many years I believe you will find him a very considerate and kindly Judge. But if you should make a slip during the coming year—one that the Judge may not lightly pass over—I find you have my very good friend on my left, the Padre, in the person of Deputy Grand Master Irwin, available to shrieve you of your sins. Such a distinguished and effective line of Grand Lodge Officers I am very sure can not be boasted by any other Grand Lodge than Saskatchewan.

A most interesting analysis and review of the three degrees issued as monthly circulars by the Committee on Masonic Education and Research is printed in full. The Bibliography

alone makes it most valuable and indicates the wonderfully assiduous labours of love of the Committee. The Working Tools, the Winding Stairs and the Great Discovery are also ably treated.

Correspondence with the Salvation Army regarding their attitude towards secret societies is interesting.

M.W. Bro. Goggin of Toronto, represents Saskatchewan near us.

There is no Correspondence Report.

SCOTLAND

Rt. Hon. the Lord Blythswood, M.W. Grand Master Mason.

Rt. Hon. the Earl of Stair, D.S.O., R.W. P.G.M.

Joseph Inglis, W.S., R.W. substitute Grand Master.

The volume before us, the only one we have received, has many pages filled with the names of outstanding men in Scottish life. Among them we note the late Earl Haig, K.T., who was V.W. Senior Grand Deacon

We regret very much to miss what we usually look forward to, namely the graphic account of the festivals of the Vernal Equinox and the celebration of St. Andrew's Night. We can only review what we have received.

Canada is represented by Bro. James Grierson of Strathaven and Scotland is repreented in Hamilton by Hugh Alexander Mackay, who with Sir John Gibson also of Hamilton, is the ideal of chivalrous service extending over half a century.

We note that the Earl of Elgin is Grand Representative both of Texas and of Queensland.

Grand Lodge meets quarterly in February, May, August, and November each year with a special installation night on the 30th of November, that day of hallowed memories and of haggis.

The roll of members of course opens with Mother Kilwinning Lodge, whose Master is as such, Provincial Grand Master of Ayrshire. This reviewer notes with pleasure that Lodge No. 11 St. John Maybole has for Junior Warden William Nisbet.

One page has returns from Lodges at Kalgoorlie, Trafalgar, Gibraltar, Capetown and St. Kitts (B.W.I.)

Quarterly Communication held in Edinburgh, 3rd February, 1927, the Grand Master Mason on the throne.

The Proceedings of Canada are acknowledged.

These resolutions were passed:

That a bronze heraldic plate in commemoration of Lord Stair's term of office as Grand Master Mason be affixed to one of the pillars in Grand Lodge Hall.

That a duplicate Charter be granted to Lodge Rising Star of Western India, Bombay, the original having been destroyed by white ants.

The Grand Committee was elected, the first sixteen members being chosen.

Grand Lodge law was amended to add in several places a definite destination of funds "to be devoted to purposes of Masonic benevolence."

The Grand Committee met in February and passed a motion of regret at the death of Sir Frederick Halsey and they sent a letter of condolence to his son, Bro. Admiral Sir Lionel Halsey.

In the matter of an appeal this shows how they hew to the line in Scotland:

The Committee are further of opinion that the members of the Committee of the Lodge and the Lodge itself should also be censured for having authorized the Bank Account of the Lodge to be operated upon by either the Master, Secretary or Treasurer, contrary to the terms of the By-laws of the lodge.

"Operated upon" is good.

A diamond brooch was presented to the Hon. Olive Campbell, daughter of the Grand Master Mason, on the occasion of her wedding.

This illustrates the representative and democratic note of Scottish Grand Lodges:

Grand Secretary was directed to write to the lodges in the respective Provinces calling upon them to recommend brethren for appointment by Grand Lodge. .

Greetings were given to Earl Stair under the following happy circumstances:

Before proceeding to business, the Grand Master Mason referred to the honour which His Majesty had conferred on Brother the Earl of Stair, D.S.O., Immediate Past Grand Master, by appointing him Lord High Commissioner of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. No one would carry out the duties with more dignity and be more acceptable to the Scottish nation than Lord Stair, and, on his motion, Grand Secretary was instructed to convey to Lord Stair the sincere congratulations and best wishes of the members of Grand Committee.

We are glad to note a word of encouragement to the Secretaries; in so many Jurisdictions they are criticized.

Again it is to be recorded that the work of the Secretaries and Treasurers has been maintained at a very high standard.

So far as the work of the lodges is concerned, once more the Committee record their pleasure at the state of perfection to which this has been brought, and the large and attentive meetings of young and enthusiastic members has been a pleasing feature of the Committee's visits.

A most interesting report from the Middle East Jurisdiction, (Sir Malcolm Watson, M.D.) which embraces the Malay States, was presented. We have long distances in Canada, so have they under the Southern Cross, many members travelling 80 miles to come to lodge. This three-fold co-operation is noted with pleasure:

These brethren, who are Honorary District Grand Wardens of The Middle East, insisted on accompanying me as Office-bearers of The Middle East, an honour highly appreciated by the Scots brethren and an expression of the cordiality which exists between the brethren of the Dutch and English and Scots Constitutions in these regions.

Grand Committee met in April and on an appeal made this finding:

On consideration of the same, the Committee find that the lodge was not properly constituted on 22nd May, 1926, when these brethren were suspended, and to this extent sustain the appeals. On consideration of the merits, the Committee agreed to recommend to Grand Committee that these three brethren should be suspended *sine die*, and that the lodge be censured for dealing with the matter at a meeting which was not properly constituted.

The Arms of Grand Lodge are to be officially registered with the Lyon-King-of-Arms.

Annuities paid £4255. The income for the Quarter amounted to £4031. Certainly our Scottish Brethren thrive with thrift. Here's tae ye!

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

M.W. Bro. the Honourable Mr. Justice Thomas Slaney Poole, M.A., LL.B., Grand Master.

The volume of Proceedings opens with photographs of some of the Officers and with beautiful illustrations of the new Freemasons' Hall, Adelaide, showing the main entrance to the Hall of Fame with Rolls of Honour of the Brethren who served in the Great War. Other views of the interior indicate the high ideals which animate the Brethren and the Architects of South Australia.

A half yearly Communication was held October 20, 1926.

Membership 13,093, net increase 635 for the year.

Large sums were granted to the Bush Fires Relief. Donations were asked and liberally given for the Furniture Fund of the new Temple.

The Grand Representative of Canada did not answer the roll call.

The Grand Master being absent through illness, the acting Deputy read his address. Of a Brother Judge and Mason he wrote:

He acquired as a judicial officer of this State a high reputation for many of those qualities which go to make a good judge. Patient, not unduly swayed by emotion, a clear thinker, to those qualities he added courtesy and courage.

Two causes, which may be alternatives or perhaps act together, suggest themselves to me. Are we making Masons of the right material? Are we making the best use of the material when we have acquired it?

I recall the days when I held no office in my lodge and the days when I made visits to other lodges. What was the lot of the members who held no office? The majority listened in silence to the Ceremonies. They went to refreshment and listened, without any real opportunity for conversation, to speeches from the time the W.M. proposed the first toast until they drank in silence the last toast—the toast that ends the evening. And that was called and is called, the "Festive" Board; and yet, brethren, I have seen it suggested that these meetings for refreshment should be made to serve as an opprtunity to instruct the brethren on matters Masonic by Addresses and Lecturettes. It is not for me to dictate to Masters in what manner meetings for refreshment shall be conducted but I would like to express my own personal opinion that greater opportunity should be given for social intercourse between the brethren. In the atmosphere of brotherliness which there exists, friendships may be formed and when formed cemented indissolubly.

The longer I hold the dual office of Grand Master and Supreme Grand First Principal and observe the co-ordination of the work of Royal Arch and Craft Masonry, the more convinced I am that Royal Arch Masonry tends to consolidate and make more efficient our Masonic forces. I do not think that any lodge need fear that the attachment to it of a Royal Arch Chapter will lead to the neglect of Craft Masonry in the lodge itself. On the contrary I believe that from the establishment of such a Chapter it will acquire additional cohesion and strength.

The Annual Communication was held at Adelaide, April 20th, 1927, the Grand Master being again absent through illness, though he had with great fortitude attended a dedication three nights before.

R.W. Bro. Wendt was on the throne.

The finances of Grand Lodge are shown in the following:

The total assets of Grand Lodge are valued at £162,794, against which there is a liability of £46,312, in respect of the Building Fund.

Canada's Grand Representative was not present.

The opening motion turned out to be the last honour paid to the Grand Master, who died on May 2nd, universally regretted:

He was a man they all trusted and loved, and he, therefore, moved—"That Most Worshipful Brother the Honorable

Mr. Justice Thomas Slaney Poole, M.A., LL.B., be our Grand Master for the coming year."

Though ill, he had sent his annual address from which we take the following paragraphs showing that he was in knightly harness to the last:

That I am forced from attending this Communication is to me a source of keen disappointment, for to-night is the central night of a series of ceremonies, which synchronises with the attainment of an object for which for many years and especially recent years, all members of the Craft have been striving to attain. At last the Grand Lodge can point to a completed Masonic building worthy to form a centre from which "Masonic Light" may radiate throughout the whole jurisdiction.

Dedications of parts of the Grand Temple occupied a large portion of the attention of Grand Lodge. This is interesting:

R.W. Bro. Cornish referred to the message fom His Majesty the King to the Grand Lodge of England at the bicentennial celebrations in June, 1917, which has been carved over the doorway at the entrance to the new Temple. "The traditional loyalty of British Freemasons is a force upon which the Sovereign of the country has to reckon, and it has been to me a proud memory during the anxious years through which we are passing."

The dedication ceremony largely musical, is printed in full. Here are three of the odes that were sung by the Brethren:

Supreme Grand Master, God of power,
Be with us in this solemn hour;
Smile on our works, our plans approve,
Fill every heart with joy and love.

Let each discordant thought be gone,
And love unite our hearts in one.
May we in union strong combine
In work and worship so divine.—S.M.I.B.

Now o'er our works the salt we shower,
A sign of Thy conservant power,
And may Thy presence Lord, we pray,
Keep this our temple from decay.

Thus shall the purpose of our craft be set,
Before a curious world, whose eyes shall scan
Its lines, and learn that Masonry is yet
The power that wills the brotherhood of man.

—S.M.I.B.

A grand Banquet was held to commemorate the new Hall. R.W. Bro. Bayly made an inspiring speech in which he said:

In the address to the Grand Master these words occur: "It is not by the strong arm or the iron will that obedience and order, the two great requisites to good government, are secured,

but by holding the key to the hearts of men." Our Grand Master holds that key to our hearts.

May we not hope, in retrospect, that it has, for a generation past, been the retreat of a force for good which

Like humble Alan, with an awkward shame,
Did good by stealth and blushed to find it fame;

Canada is represented by Rev. M. Williams and South Australia was then represented by Bro. Frank Hills of Hamilton, whose lamented death we deplore.

Correspondence is by Bro. D. F. Lawrence and is full of interest.

Under England he says:

Certain Brethren of a private lodge, who had been suspended for persisting in discussing a matter not on the list of Agenda, contrary to the ruling of the Master, appealed against that suspension; their appeal was dismissed.

Grand Lodge takes note of the exceptional and traditional circumstances attaching in certain lodges to the Ceremonial Opening and Closing in extenso of a Board of Installed Masters. It still deprecates the use of any signs, tokens, or words unknown.

Scotland furnishes this paragraph:

One of the lodges in India had a new Warrant issued to it owing to the fact that white ants had destroyed the original!

Canada is reviewed by our own representative, as most Jurisdictions are. He comments on the success of our meetings at Port Arthur and Fort William, quoting:

Just as a stream cannot rise higher than its source, so Masonry cannot rise higher than the general character of those who range themselves under its banner.

But he is evidently not familiar with our dollars and cents nomenclature and credits us with receipts of $149,000,000 for the year. This is beyond the dreams of Avarice.

This may be of service under Minnesota:

The matter of carrying rods by the Deacons was introduced and referred to the Committee on Ancient Landmarks, viz.: While standing the rod is held in a perpendicular position resting on the floor, in front of the shoulder, the hand grasping the rod and forearm horizontal. While marching the rod is carried between the upper arm and the body inclined forward at an angle of 23½ degrees and the hand retaining its grasp of the rod. The rod is usually carried in the right hand but may be carried in the left hand when occasion requires.

Then the last pages of the Proceedings are fittingly filled with tributes to the memory of the late Grand Master, of whom it was said:

The man of amplest influence,
Whole in himself, a common good,
Rich in saving common sense,
And, as the greatest only are,
In his simplicity sublime.

He is gone who seemed so great,
Gone, but nothing shall bereave him
Of the force he made his own
When here; and we believe him
Something far advanced in state,
And that he wears a truer crown
Than any wreath that man can weave him.

These noble words of Tennyson's ode on the death of the Duke of Wellington are merited by few. A lodge of Sorrow was held in Adelaide on June 2nd, and the full service, a noble one, is printed in full with an excellent picture of the late G.M.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Charlton Durant, M.W. Grand Master.

Several Special Communications were held, some opening "on the Master's Degree," some opening in the "Entered Apprentice Degree", for laying cornerstones and dedications, including the cornerstones of several High Schools.

R.W. Bro. O. Frank Hart, well and favourably known through his recent visit to Grand Chapter of Canada, is Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Ninetieth Annual Communication convened in Charleston, March 9, 1927. Seven Past Grand Masters were honoured.

Canada was represented by Bro. A. A. Lemon.

In the invocation the Grand Chaplain said:

Guarantee that we may not fail in our day; that we may hand down that which we have received not impaired, but improved.

Grand Master Miller of Georgia in replying to his welcome, used these weighty words:

My heart goes back to my home under the blue skies of old South Carolina, for once a South Carolinian, always a South Carolinian.

It must be proven by the Square of love. Love—Van Dyke says it is the greatest thing in the world. Love, the thing which the greatest teacher that the world has ever seen said was the foundation upon which all structures social, intellectual and moral must be constructed; it governed the prophecies, it ruled civilization.

From the worthy address of the Grand Master we cull the following paragraphs:

As speculative Masons we strive to build not temples but men.

In a time when laws are flouted, conventions ignored and all the old moral and religious ideals are being denied, Masonry should be a great steadying and conserving force.

One atheistic organization with five million dollars in its treasury is endeavoring to establish societies for the spread of atheism in the higher institutions of learning of our Country, and by tracts and otherwise is denying the primary tenet of Masonry—that there is a God.

During the last few years the fall of great business institutions caused by adverse financial conditions have hurt business, but far greater damage has been caused by the dishonesty of trusted men.

Libraries are being installed and Masonic inquiry and research is increasing.

The Masonic Service Association rendered splendid service and I am glad we belong to it.

The D.D.G.M's of 25 Districts reported in concentrated and comprehensive form.

The Educational Committee are live factors in the work of Grand Lodge. They said:

The need was easy to see. The answer to that need lived only in ideal and vision. How to translate the vision into a workable program of operation was the problem. To initiate anything involves the possibility and probability of mistake and imperfection. The frail, uncertain fallible element in the human equation of life is ever present. The willingness and readiness to act may be there, but it is only by the experiences of success and failure that we learn anything or perfect anything.

We are full of hope for the future, and we firmly believe that with increasing experience and resulting efficiency the craft at large will be benefitted far beyond our expectations.

The Educational Director is evidently the right man. Hear him:

The answer to this question lies in the eradication of the idea that our lodges are organized for fun and frolic.

The remedy lies in educating this idea out of the minds and hearts of our newly made brethren—the old ones are almost hopeless—and in its place pouring in the great truths about God, and life and death, the resurrection, and the immortality of the soul.

A silver service was presented to Past Grand Master Chreitzberg.

Membership 29,753. Net gain 223.

J. C. Bartram of Ottawa, represents South Carolina.

The Review of Proceedings is by the veteran Past Grand Master J. L. Michie. We would all like to look upon his features. His next annual will be his eighteenth.

He reports in an original manner with running commentary on 65 Jurisdictions. His style and discriminating selection may be gathered from Alabama:

The various sections of the Master Mason obligation must be construed together and when so construed it seems plain to your committee that no brother has the right to use the obligation of the Master Mason degree to impose on another brother secrets which would require the brother receiving the information to violate the plain directions of the Constitution.

And from Arizona:

And our Fraternity must teach us that the Golden Rule must apply to laws affecting men's liberties as well as to our individual actions. Let us continue to oppose intolerance, yet remain tolerant ourselves.

And British Columbia:

We are glad that in South Carolina "illegitimacy, *per se* is not sufficient grounds for rejection." Why punish an innocent for the sins of his guilty father?

And California:

When the source of a stream is impure, the channel cannot be held to be free from corruption.

His review of Canada is full and friendly. He analyzes and quotes from Grand Master Rowland's address and cites in full the Canadian law re N.P.D. commenting thus:

In South Carolina a Brother suspended for N.P.D. can only be reinstated by first paying his dues, and then by unanimous ballot.

Of the D.D.G.M. system he says:

The Reports of the District Deputies take up 283 pages of the record, and show good work done by these zealous officers.

He quotes a long paragraph from the "Condition of Masonry."

And thus with words "grateful and comforting" speaks well of us:

We've spent a delightful forenoon over the Report on Correspondence. His comments are both wholesome and courteous.

Anent Divine Service under Connecticut we read:

Answering our question why it was necessary for the Grand Master to grant a Dispensation to attend Divine Service when it was said that Lodges could do so without a Dispensation, he says:

Of course, the dispensations were simply superfluous and unnecessary, and probably were carelessly asked by lodges.

England receives at his hands the fullest review as the old Mother Grand Lodge should, and would if she would print her Annual Proceedings as others do:

The President of the Board of General Purposes let it be known that the Board will use its disciplinary powers towards any member of a lodge who violates his obligation by being present at or assisting in assemblies professing to be Masonic which are attended by women. Particularly aimed at a so-called "Order of Ancient Free and Accepted Masonry for men and women."

The Ceremony of Installing a Master must be very different from what we in South Carolina call "The Past Master's Degree."

Pennsylvania's claim of perpetual Jurisdiction has been challenged by Florida and other matters under that State receive his comment:

He did not recognize Pennsylvania's claim of perpetual jurisdiction over rejected material, and held that a Florida lodge had the right to receive a petition of a man who had been rejected in that Jurisdiction five years before the date of his Petition.

After a ballot, in South Carolina, the naked objection of a Brother not present at the ballot will not stop advancement. The objector is required to assign a reason for his objection or prefer charges upon the validity of which, in the former case the Master, in the latter case, the lodge will pass.

He knows his Scripture as Idaho found:

We understand your Biblical reference, Brother, but, metaphorically speaking, we never let our ox or our ass get into the ditch.

Maine gives him this instance of a boomerang:

Referring to the Candidate for political honors who published a letter from our Grand Secretary:

It created a good deal of indignation, and met with "poetic justice" for we read that the candidate was defeated, and the Grand Master avers that, "this letter contributed in no small measure to that defeat." As Shakespeare put it, "he was hoisted by his own petard."

He cannot resist New Zealand's poetry, neither can we:

Grand Officers were elected, installed and proclaimed with all the pomp and ceremony so dear to the British heart. After the Grand Master had been "invested and enthroned", four different Odes were sung, we quote one of them:

God save our Master Grand,
Long may he firmly stand,
  Our noble Guide!
Great Architect Divine,
Round him Thy blessings twine,
And let Thy presence shine
  Still by his side.

May clearest heavenly light
Make all his pathway bright
O'er life's rough tide!
May sweet prosperity,
Peace, joy and harmony
In faith, hope, charity
With him abide.

All Reviewers and Grand Officers appear to be much interested in immortality as though it were challenged.

No, our Order reminds us always this intangible essence can never die; its existence and its growth must go ever onward.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Leonard M. Simons, M.W. Grand Master.

We learn from his biography that the Grand Master, like so many others, is a lawyer and has been treasurer of the State Bar Association since 1907. He is well described as a man, kind of heart, of a genial and lovable disposition and who rarely speaks an acrimonious word.

Many Occasional Grand Lodges, as they are called in this Jurisdiction, were held. At one, laying the cornerstone of a Masonic Temple, M.W. Bro. Tweedle said:

It is comparatively easy to attend lodge with reasonable regularity and even to take an active part in the work, but is it always as convenient for us to help a needy Brother, to lend a hand to the erring or fallen, or keep lonely vigil at the bedside of one for whom the shadows are lengthening, and the hands on the dial pointing to "Low Twelve"?

The Fifty-third Annual Communication was held at Aberdeen, June 14th, 1927. The Grand Masters of Missouri and North Dakota as well as Bro. Stockwell were welcomed.

In the reply to Aberdeen's welcome it was said:

May we have days in Aberdeen, days long to be remembered for worth while things accomplished, for fine fellowship displayed and enduring friendships made.

From the Grand Master's Address we take this.

The life of the Pioneer is fraught with many trials and difficulties. It takes strong men to fill the place and accomplish the task.

With all of these movements Masonry has been identified and its membership has been in the forefront in the pioneer work.

The eastern portion of South Dakota has passed through one of the most depressing years in its history and this has had its influence upon the institution of Masonry, affecting its growth, diminishing the enthusiasm which ordinarily prevails.

Many Grand Jurisdictions retain their Grand Masters in the East for at least two years and this should in our opinion

be done in all jurisdictions and particularly in our own, where we have such magnificent distances to travel.

There should be less of the wholesale criticism dealt out by the Jurisprudence Committee and adopted by the Grand Lodge without reading or consideration.

He speaks of the address of Dr. Fort Newton on "Three Things I Know" as that of a well known Mason and christian gentleman.

Of Grand Secretary Pettigrew he quotes:

Some seek reward in fame, others in the love of service.

Medals are presented to those who have been in service for fifty years.

Membership 19,683. Net gain 24.

Twelve Past Grand Masters graced the Grand East.

Bro. William E. Milligan well represented Canada. M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland represents South Dakota.

The Committee on Necrology presented a striking report from which we take these sentences on immortality:

There is the belief in the Divine justice. The inequalities of this world are proverbial—the wicked flourish and the righteous suffer—and there is no adequate compensation in this life. If we believe in a just God we must suppose that He has a new world in reserve to redress the balance of the old.

But, beyond all these, we are inclined to base our own belief in human immortality not on God's justice, but His bounty.

Grand Orator Hall delivered an eloquent address on "Faith and the Future". The following will suffice to illustrate his style:

Science should lead us to acquire the habit of honest inquiry so that more and more research will reveal additional facts and help to solve our many mysteries. Everything should be analyzed and finally the conclusions drawn be authentic.

It is becoming increasingly clear that education is no guarantee against moral delinquency.

The biggest job to-day—and all else will ultimately fail, if we do not realize and remedy the situation—is making character and developing personality, PERSONALITY that carried with it knowledge together with responsibility, and he has moral courage born of moral character.

The Library is specialized and is the pride of the Jurisdiction. Receipts amount to $14,707.

The Masonic Veteran's Association is strong and virile.

The Correspondence Review is by Bro. Arthur H. Tufts, who in his introduction thus summarizes the result of his general impressions:

One who reads the Masonic proceedings from over the world cannot help being impressed with the tendency to the

building of great Temples, Hospitals, Masonic Homes and institutions for the comfort of Masons and the care of their dependent ones.

The great Masonic Home in Kentucky to cost about a million and three quarters dollars. The National Masonic Tuberculosis Association in New Mexico are examples of these.

These all speak of a spirit of progress, service and self denial.

Then the educational propaganda is developing as never before. Most Grand Lodges contributing to help dependent children of Masons to obtain an education.

He makes running comments on the different Jurisdictions making extracts here and there. For instance from Alabama he takes these:

With them it is a Masonic offense for a Mason to declare he does not believe in Deity, and very properly so.

A lodge owning a hall jointly with four other organizations complained because one of the other organizations had permitted the Ku Klux Klan to use the hall. They were advised to abandon the hall and provide one for their own special use.

He points out that California's suspensions amounted to 9,000 with 3,000 restorations.

With regard to lessening the size of our Annual Proceedings he says.

We wonder whether he realizes that Masonry has grown 100 per cent. in the last twenty years and it takes space to record all its doings? He would not deny the excellency of the reports, "they are full of interest." If he can stimulate the brethren of his jurisdiction to read them they will not vote to curtail them.

Nearly all Jurisdictions comment upon a case which apparently suggested to them that a Brother in our Jurisdiction can get a demit while in arrear for dues and our colleague thus comments:

In our jurisdiction, and we think, in most others, a brother cannot procure a dimit unless he is "clear on the books" and no charges pending.

He says that our Review is up to its usual high standing:

A gem from Colorado attracts him:

Go, break to the needy sweet Charity's bread,
For giving is loving, the Angel said.
"And must I be giving again and again?"
My peevish and pitiless answer ran.
"Oh, no", said the Angel piercing me through,
"Just give till the Master stops giving to you."

England is admirably treated and he refers to the "Overseas Rank" recently constituted. He summarizes what the new Masonic Peace Memorial Temple will contain (1) seating

capacity for 2,000 persons with all necessary accommodation, (2) administrative offices, (3) rooms for Grand Master and Grand Officers, (4) reading, writing and conference rooms, dressing rooms and the like, (5) a library and museum, (6) 15 Lodge and Chapter rooms with adequate ante-rooms, (7) store-rooms for books and records and so designed structurally as to allow of addition of further floors for lodge rooms as occasion may require.

Of the location of corner-stones, under Florida, he says:

We know of one Masonic Temple that has its corner stone in the south-east corner and several lodge rooms that are due north and south and yet they seem to function just as well as others that conform more strictly to the rules.

His comments on Ireland include:

When a member of Grand Lodge desires to make a motion he must serve notice of his intention, when his proposed motion is referred to a committee headed by the Dep. Grand Master, who pass upon the propriety of the motion. In one instance a motion was refused because it smacked too strongly of politics.

Under New Brunswick he shares with us this striking passage:

On a certain occasion an officer of a royal household was returning from a pilgrimage to the Temple. "Sitting in his chariot he read from Elias the prophet. There approached him one who courtesouly inquired, "Understandest thou what thou readest?" His reply was that which comes to your ,lips as you attempt these great text books in Freemasonry, "How can I, except some one should guide me?" The guide, my brothers, is never lacking. Along a path unknown, led by a hand unseen, mankind proceeds on its way toward perfection. For the Architect is Himself the Builder; the Author is Himself the Interpreter; God is Himself our Guide."

Scotland's dealing with the Eastern Star is reported:

Washington's questionnaire in petitions is approvingly quoted:

Is it your present intention to petition for, or accept, within one year from the time when you shall have passed a creditable examination in the Master Mason degree, membership in any organization which has membership in a Masonic Lodge as a prerequisite? If so, what?

TASMANIA

M.W. Brother Claude E. W. James, M.H.A., Grand Master.

The Annual Communication was held at Launceston, 26th February, 1927, R.W. Brother W. H. Strutt, Grand Secretary, Hobart.

A half yearly Communication had been held at Hobart of which the minutes were confirmed.

The Report of the Board of General Purposes was adopted and contained this paragraph:

The Board's ruling in the following case—A Candidate was balloted for and rejected. After the ballot had taken place, it was found that the proposition form was not in accordance with the Book of Constitutions, inasmuch as that—Signature of Candidate, Names of Referees, and Date, were omitted. The Board ruled that all proceedings in connection with the ballot were informal, and expressed surprise and regret that the proposition had been allowed to go before the lodge in such a manner.

Grand Lodge concurred with New South Wales in their claim for jurisdiction over the Federal Territory of Canberra, the new capital.

The following is interesting from the point of view of immigration:

Settlers to Tasmania—The Board considered a letter from a Past Master on the question of Freemasons in Tasmania nominating from Great Britain Children of deceased Freemasons, and attending to their welfare until such time as they are able to earn their own living. The Board considered that this was too big an undertaking for the Masons of Tasmania to shoulder. It was thought, however, that the "Big Brother" movement, already established in most of the mainland States, would shortly be started in Tasmania, and that steps should be taken to have Masonic representation on the Committee of that movement.

The Craft in Canada might well do more than they are doing in this regard.

Emulation Working with Explanation was declared to be the only Ritual authorized by Grand Lodge until the next Conference of Australian Grand Lodges, which are considering uniformity.

Grand Lodge loans to constituent lodges large sums for the building of Temples; the corner-stone of one was laid with Grand lodge honours.

The Grand Master thus expressed himself on an important problem:

The G.M. said the necessity for excluding Brethren for non-payment of dues was to be regretted. He hoped that in every case the lodge had made inquiries into each Brother's circumstances, and that no one was excluded where it was a case for Masonic assistance, but on the other hand there was always an honourable way for a Brother to leave his lodge if he felt he was no longer able to pay his dues.

Proceedings of Canada are acknowledged.

M.W. Bro. James was re-elected Grand Master.

Grand Master Bice of Victoria with a large delegation, installed the Officers.

Membership 3,651. Net increase 108.

It was anticipated that Lord Somers would be elected Grand Master of Victoria, which thus would have another Representative of the King occupying the highest position in the Craft.

Study Circles are being inaugurated and Masonic libraries and lectures established.

The Pro Grand Master was duly proclaimed and saluted with sound of the trumpet.

Sir Gilbert Parker represents Tasmania in England. Canada is represented by H. J. Wise and Tasmania is represented here by Dr. A. F. Webster.

TENNESSEE

H. Lee Fox, M.W. Grand Master.

The Annual Communication was held in Nashville, January 25, 1928. Thirteen Past Grand Masters set an example of fidelity by their co-opeative presence. Canada was represented by Bro. Geo. T. Wofford.

Many visitors from Kentucky were welcomed.

The Grand Master in the opening of his address said:

While we are here for the purpose primarily of transacting the business of the Grand Lodge, and advancing the interest and promoting the cause of Freemasonry, let us also endeavor to gather much pleasure and inspiration from this association by becoming better acquainted, mixing and mingling together, greeting old friends with a smile and hearty hand shake and extending a warm welcome to the many brethren who are with us for the first time.

To the sufferers by the flood Tennessee contributed the liberal amount of $4,437 besides clothing and provisions.

As to inactive lodges the G.M. says that they require both help and encouragement.

Among his rulings we find that a member cannot be suspended for non-payment of dues because he refuses to pay an assessment levied by the Grand Lodge. Would not this largely depend on the method and manner of the assessment? Three other Grand Jurisdictions ruled to the contrary. It is surely a Masonic obligation.

Tennessee requires many decisions from the G.M. They cover many pages closely printed.

Membership 50,674. Net gain 652. Lodges 468.

The custodian of the work reports:

The three Lecturers who are constantly under our supervision and report to us monthly, are still doing the same effective work which they have been doing for several years, not only in giving instruction in the Ritual but in helping the lodges generally by giving them advice in the conduct of their affairs.

This from the Historical Committee:

We have not been able to set forth as completely as we desired, or the good of the Craft requires, the interdependence of our relations with our sister grand jurisdictions. To our Mother Commonwealth, North Carolina, we are indebted for eight of our Grand Masters.

The records of the past should be carefully preserved for the coming Craftsmen. There are valuable records, some more than a century old, which are not as carefully protected as can be desired.

And this from the Education Committee:

Good roads and consolidated schools seem to have solved a great problem, in that more pupils attend and better teachers can be had. Every child of school age should attend school.

The whole of the constitution of Grand Lodge is reprinted with the Proceedings in an up-to-date form as well as the edicts of Grand Lodge, all very convenient for reference.

A. J. Anderson, K.C., of Toronto, represents Tennessee.

For the last time we review the good work of Bro. C. H. Smart who was not reappointed by the Grand Master. Tennessee has lost a great asset, one who is respected in all Jurisdictions and whose writings have contributed so much to the knowledge of the Craft. His vigorous style which always rings true, will be much missed. We take the following from his introduction:

Ever since we began writing the correspondence report we have asserted over and over again that a Mason can not be a Mason and a Ku Klux. On one or two occasions we have been taken to task by correspondents and called too extreme.

A lodge to which a profane has never petitioned has no Jurisdiction over him, and therefore has nothing to waive. And if he has petitioned a lodge and been rejected, jurisdiction is lost as soon as he acquires a Masonic residence in another state.

We have had much to say in the past about Grand Masters issuing dispensations to Kaiserize the By-laws of Subordinate Lodges.

We cannot see the use of having an iron-clad law for Subordinate lodges, that is as exacting as the laws of the Medes and Persians, and then give the Grand Master the power to set it aside at the request of a few members.

Under British Columbia with regard to the ruling holding a man ineligible because he had lost three fingers, our colleague says:

We simply rise to inquire "Why?" Some of those who "are in" seem to be trying to see how many they can keep out. In Tennessee, lodges decide this qusetion—not Grand Masters.

Canada receives freindly and full notice. He says:

Then the Grand Master came to the bat with his annual address, in which he grew reminiscent, saying:

Life is largely a process of forgetting the things we once believed. "I know," said an old man, "that I was very wise when I was young, for I knew so many things that aren't true."

As to his ruling that a University student may be considered the material of either the lodge at his University or of the lodge where his home is situated, he thus expresses a double amazement:

Here is one case that has puzzled the presiding officers ot the three Grand Bodies for years. They knew that a studen was the material of one or the other of two jurisdictions—hi? home one or the one where he attends school—but which$_e$ Now here comes a Daniel to judgment, who decides that h$_r$ can take his choice. Glory be! That question is settled fo all time.

He thinks that accepted and rejected candidates should be put upon the same basis by reason of their having been the subject of the same ballot, and does not agree with our G.M. as to the Eastern Star, saying:

Let the Grand Master come to the United States, investigate the Eastern Star, and he will go home with a bee buzzing in his bonnet, and telling him at every buzz that he now knows a little bit about the Eastern Star that he didn't know before.

Few of us like to contemplate bees buzzing so near our brain.

He congratulates this reviewer upon his "rare judgment" in singling out so much of Tennessee's good literature.

Under Georgia he says:

We believe that Tennessee should also add a print shop to its Masonic Home, and thus start some of the boys and girls out in life with a good trade.

This from Guatemala is interesting:

The Bulletin is printed in Spanish, but an "Editorial" appears in both Spanish and English. We quote this editorial in full, as it appears to us to have the right "ring":

"The acts of the Grand Lodge of Guatemala, which is an integrant part of the Universal Freemasonry, must be known by all other Regular Grand Lodges, in the world wit h which we are in fraternal correspondence. This Bulletin will acquaint those Grand Lodges with such acts, thus contributing to maintain in full strength the links of the symbolic union chain".

They are recognized by thirteen Grand Lodges of the United States, two of Canada, eight of Central America, two of Australia and one of Africa.

He thus concludes his review of Iowa as to collegiate iconoclasts:

Some publications reporting the matter are inclined to take the situation seriously, and to view the subject with alarm, while others seem to look upon it as a passing prank played by college youths in the hope of stirring up a sensation that will put them, where they love to be, in the lime-light.

Better stop them as soon as possible, Brother Block. It reminds us of what the old nigger said when told that there was no hell:

"Now you just quit preaching dat doctrine. You get de niggers to believing that, and every other house will be a po'r house and the houses between will be jails." No. That kind of doctrine will not do in this country—nor in any other, for that matter.

And here is his generous farewell—God keep you!

The Grand Master of Tennessee having appointed another in our place to write the correspondence report, our connection with the Guild ceases with this report. Our successor, Bro. Peeler, we have known for years, and bespeak for him a cordial welcome by the Knights of the Round Table. We bid you a lasting farewell.

TEXAS

M. A. Childers, M.W. Grand Master.

A special Communication of Grand Lodge was held to conduct the funeral of Past Grand Master Tyler.

Before the opening of the Ninety-second Annual Communication of Grand Lodge held in Waco, December 7, 1927, a delightful programme was given by the Master Masons of that City during which the City Manager, Bro. McAdams, delivered an address from which we cull the following practical paragraph:

He stated to Brother Holt this morning: "I feel like I am a Mason now, because I have performed a little service for the Masonic Order," and I think that is true of us in all good and worthy causes, that if we put something into it, if the cause itself is worthy, we find that we become immediately interested in that thing, and the value of that thing immediately seems greater to us and immediately more important in view of the fact that we have actually put some of our life, ability and energy into that thing.

Canada was represented by Elmer Renfro.

We note in several Jurisdictions that the word Chaplain is spelt Chaplin. We do not know of any authority for this but do not wish to be hypercritical.

Many distinguished visitors were introduced.

In his response, Bro. O. F. Hart of South Carolina, said:

You are doing a great work with your Homes. In fact we have had one round of pleasure since we hit Dallas, on Sunday morning, and I appreciate the fact that you allow us to

be just one of you, and I am glad to this opportunity to look in on the grandchild of South Carolina.

We take this from the address of the Grand Orator of Missouri:

You know in a one-time master city of the world there stood a great and golden vase. It stood in the very center of the city.

We have no great and golden vase, and each man unto God is his own high priest, but the lesson and the legend are the same for Freemasonry of Texas, for Missouri, for Freemasonry everywhere. The lesson is the same, and this is what the high priest read on that great and golden vase of yesterday, "From each according to his ability, unto each according to his needs."

M.W. Bro. Fly for North Carolina said:

The English-speaking people of the world have given Freemasonry its standing on this earth; they are the ones that have accomplished the great things, that have done things for Masonry, and through Freemasonry for humanity.

Grand Representative Cochran of Italy spoke saying:

Yet Masonry is not dead there. The Grand Master has disappeared for the present, the lodges have been dissolved, their rooms have been invaded, their furniture has been broken up or burned, their records destroyed. Yet Masonry in Italy will survive this era of destruction. The spirit of Masonry can never be destroyed, although its representatives may be temporarily suppressed.

And so I bring you that word of sorrow for the Grand Lodge of Italy to-day, invoking your Masonic sympathy for our brethren of that country, where it is a crime to avow yourself as a Mason.

P.G.M. Washer delivered an interesting speech from which we take the following:

We need again to re-consecrate ourselves to the service of country, and more than all we must realize the fact that we are our brother's keeper, and that right here in these great United States there are men and there are women, human as we are, suffering for the want of sympathy, suffering for the want of affection, suffering for the want of consideration—not of bread.

Members in good standing for 50 years and 40 years respectively were introduced, some of them by Executive Secretary Randell, whose name is a household word.

Texas is strong for the advocacy of prayer, no less than nine prayers being delivered between the beginning and the ending of the session.

The Grand Master among many wise things said:

Brethren of widely divergent views on many subjects outside the realm of Masonry have worked hand-in-hand with each other and with the Grand Master, in a spirit of genuine

fellowship, without the sacrificing of a single conviction on the part of any.

I am encouraged to believe that the day of machine ritualism is waning, and that an era of philosophic and spiritual ritualism is perhaps dawning in our beloved Fraternity.

Think of them, then, as those who go
Upon delightful errands sped,
Doing their share of mighty work
With God, and glad, and never dead!

He condemned strongly the use of the word "Masonic" in connection with private business enterprises.

He reports one lodge as indebted to various people for approximately $60,000 and condemns this extravagance as reflecting on and possibly involving Grand Lodge.

He makes a sensible recommendation in the following:

I recommend, that Grand Lodge approve the granting of permission to confer degrees on worthy applicants where the work can be done with either hand, provided the other hand is not entirely gone.

A list of the cornerstones laid in Texas by Grand Lodge covers two closely printed pages. They include High School, Churches and Temples. The Craft exercises its most appropriate function.

Numerous decisions were given from which we select the following:

Is a brother allowed to demit before he has passed a creditable examination in the Master's Degree?

Held: Yes, he can demit any time he is in good standing and has his dues paid up. He is in good standing until charges are preferred against him for failure to learn the work or for some other offense.

First: It is not permissible for the White Shrine to meet in a Masonic building without permission from the Grand Lodge.

Second: It is not permissible for dominoes, etc., to be played in a lodge hall proper, but whether or not members play in the lobby of the building is a matter for the local lodge to decide.

Held: Lodges could not assess their members to pay debts. Therefore, it is not legal for the lodge to force payment. Fraternal persuasion alone is authorized, and no legal obligation rests upon the members to pay the debts. Increased revenues may be provided by increasing the dues in accordance with the by-laws.

Officers wear jewels at all times when the lodge is at labor. If they do not have jewels, the lodge should immediately purchase the jewels and the officers should use them. The jewels should also be worn at cornerstone and funeral ceremonies.

Of the Masonic Home and School he cannot say too much. Would that we in Canada could say the same:

Our Masonic Home and School is the idol and pride and joy of every Texas Mason. I must add my word of appreciation, however, for the splendid service rendered by the Superintendent, and his wife. Their gracious courtesy extended to all visiting Masons and their painstaking and efficient administration of the affairs of the Home and School make them most invaluable to the Masonry of Texas.

Masonry is beginning to open her heart more widely to the call of those who need our services, to whom we have vowed the vows of fraternity.

Of Masonry in Mexico and its troubled conditions the G.M. writes:

The history of the divergence between York Rite and Scottish Rite Masonry in Mexico and the rending in twain of the old Grand Lodge Valley of Mexico has been given to this Grand Lodge from time to time.

To the York Rite series belongs the York Grand Lodge, It is composed of American and English Masons in Mexico.

That the lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge Valley of Mexico regularly initiate negroes is denied by their Grand Master, but he admits that three negroes, Cubans of high standing, belong to one of their lodges. Article 32 of our laws prohibits us from in any manner recognizing negro Masonry.

Accordingly, I recommend that fraternal recognition of the Grand Lodge Valley of Mexico be here and now withdrawn.

Recognition was given to the York Grand Lodge.

One of the great events of the year was the tour of Dr. Joseph Fort Newton, eminent Minister and Masonic leader, who delivered inspirational addresses in the larger Cities of his native State "the land of the lone star".

The G.M. concludes with this reference:

In this report, I have spoken more than once of the Spirit of Masonry. What is our conception of the Spirit of Masonry?

I bring unto you the lessons of Faith, of Hope, of Charity.

I break off the corners of rough stones, the better to fit them for the Builder's use.

I teach you always the lesson of the ages, that man is born to die, that all things earthly shall pass away, that your souls alone keep step with the march of eternity.

I reveal to you the truth, that man must meet death to find life.

The Deputy Grand Master recites the purposes of this Grand Lodge which are fine in substance and in form:

The purposes of this Grand Lodge are to control and regulate the practice of Freemasonry throughout its jurisdiction, in accordance with the immemorial usages of this ancient and honorable Craft; to advance the moral and social interest

of its membership; to foster good citizenship, honest industry and upright living; to cultivate the exercise of charity in its best and broadest sense; to assist the widows and orphans of its deceased members; to stimulate friendship, harmony and brotherly love, and, generally to promote in its own way, the happiness of mankind—in its fraternity of good men, linked together by honorable and indissoluble bonds, to accomplish these noble purposes, eschewing all interest in factional politics and sectarian religion and free from the dictation of both.

A wonderful entertainment was given by the Girls' Orchestra from the Home, as to whom P.G.M. Washer says:

Every year the Grand Lodge of Texas is pleased to bring before its membership here at its Grand Annual Communication just a few of its jewels, and tonight the Board of Directors at their request has presented you with twenty-four of the most precious jewels we have in the Home.

Grand Orator Bryan delivered his annual address:

It might be refreshing for us to remember that as schoolboys we liked to read of the midnight ride of Paul Revere, the man who gave the signal that the enemy was coming, was a Master Mason, and later the Grand Master of his State.

There is another thing that Masonry is opposed to, as we read the newspaper and the magazines the word comes to us that in many of the universities and colleges of this land there exists at the hands of some atheistic societies, whose mission and purpose is to teach the youth of the land that God is a myth and the Bible an allegory.

Lawlessness and infidelity; lawlessness and atheism; they both go hand in hand, and both of them are rank enemies of this institution.

Membership 144,748. Net increase 940. Number of lodges 990.

The Committee on Masonic Service education say:

Dr. Newton's masterly addresses on the philosophy of Masonry, based upon his wide experience and research, and translated into present-day values, have resulted, we believe, in immense benefit to the craft and will be far reaching in their effect.

Man has three such friends as this: His family, his wealth and his good deeds. His family, like the first friend, go with him to the cemetery; his wealth, like the second friend, who went to the audience chamber, goes with him to the grave; but his good deeds, like the third friend, go before him, even into the presence of the Great King of the Universe, and secure for him a pardon.

The Grand Master of Louisiana told this story as part of his fine speech:

My brethren and sisters, I would that all of the poisonous liquor in the world were gathered together and that we could

take it down and pour it into the river. A good brother who happened to be a deacon in that church says, "Amen, brother." The minister then turned to the choir and said, "We will sing hymn No. 262," and those of you, who I know are familiar with the old-fashioned hymn book will remember that it goes something like this: "Shall we gather at the river?"

Texas' finances approach the million mark, totalling over $891,000.

This Reviewer, (again under the name of W. M. Logan) is proud to represent Texas.

M.W. Bro. W. M. Fly, gives an admirable report on Correspondence. From his comprehensive introduction we cull these sentences:

We confess a preference for more of the literary and argumentative rather than such an array of details. However, the possible advantages of any change being at least debatable, we have preferred, even at the expense of longer and more laborious hours to avoid any appearance of innovation.

At no time in all the past has there existed so perfect a spirit of amity and universal brotherhood throughout. Correspondingly argumentative questions are reduced.

The storehouse from which we, as Masons, may confidently expect to draw in the practice of our charities, philanthropies and all those ennobling virtues that go to enrich life and render it happy is the repository of an educated Masonic mind and heart.

All alike seem awake to the painful truth that, turn where you will, there are to be found so-called Masons, and not a few, who have formally received the mysteries of Masonry, trodden its sacred courts and drank at its fountain of knowledge, professing throughout and for a time great admiration and love for the institution, but who have turned from it as those utterly indifferent.

True, some may have been unworthy and should have been stopped upon the threshold; true it is that others, being attracted by the trappings of extraneous organizations, have knocked and been admitted when in fact they were only traveling perforce the only route open to the goal of their deluded fancy. Explain as we may, duty unperformed is a charge bitter, yet true. First in admitting the unworthy, the merely curious or the opportunist, and second in failing to impart that knowledge which of right the new initiate as well as the entire Craft may expect and without which Masonic lodges become such in name only and entitled to no higher rank than other scores and hundreds of social clubs and orders.

Canada has no less than five full pages of concentrated review. He makes large extracts from addresses and reports introducing them with this:

Here is the sane and optimistic spirit in which Grand Master opens his splendid address:

It is a familiar thought that we are living in strange and perplexing times. And I sometimes think that out of the chaos and confusion of these recent years there is emerging, slowly, perhaps, but surely and into a clearer light, something that bears a strange and striking likeness to what we call the Spirit of Masonry.

He speaks commendingly of the Grand Master assembling the Brethren at Disttict meetings and in groups and incidentally refers to and quotes other reports.

He compliments us on our review, for which we thank him:

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is indeed a comprehensive summary—a circumspective survey—of the thoughts, transactions and activities of the various Sovereign Jurisdictions. His Review of Texas, is in direct line with the above estimate. Brother Ponton represents Texas near his Grand Lodge, which in a way may account for his seeming partiality, as he quotes and comments on matters found in the "largest of all volumes of Proceedings of the Grand Jurisdictions of the world."

Under Colorado he garners some good poetry, as indeed he does from nearly every Jurisdiction:

One family on earth are we
Throughout its widest span;
O help us everywhere to see
The Brotherhood of Man.
Foot to foot that we may go
Where our help we can bestow;
Pointing out the better way,
Lest our brother go astray.
Thus our steps should always lead
To the souls that are in need.

He gives unstinted praise to Quebec, which it merits.

Surely anyone who peruses the Proceedings of this great urisdiction will rise satisfied.

UTAH

Fred Morgan Nye, M.W. Grand Master.

The Proceedings open with a picture and biography of Grand Master elect Dana Tyrrell Smith, a lawyer of whom it is said:

For once the writer of these lines is glad that Dick the Butcher's suggestion (in Henry VI) has not found general acceptance. In his own words Dick's proposition was:

"The first thing we do, let's kill the lawyers."

Such action would have deprived the Grand Lodge of Utah of the services of several very efficient and mighty fine Grand Masters, and would have left our present Grand Master—who is of the legal fraternity—without the opportunity of taking his place alongside the best of these.

The Fifty-sixth Annual Communication was held in Salt Lake City January 18, 1927. Fifteen Past Grand Masters supported and adorned the Grand East.

Canada's Grand Representative did not respond to roll call.

The Grand Master's address was a business-like document. He describes a visit to Frisco and there among the ruins of a former mining camp he found an excavation and a pile of rocks, all that remained of the former home of St. John's Lodge, the whole abandoned.

Few in number the Masons of Utah have the confident spirit and Masonry having honoured them, they honour Masonry by the building of a spacious new Temple, of which the G.M. says:

No event in the history of our Jurisdiction is more significant of the growth and importance of Masonry in this state than will be the completion of this magnificent temple some time this year. Fully financed, and without bonded indebtedness, this new home of the Masonic organizations of Salt Lake City will represent, when completed, an investment of nearly three quarters of a million dollars. Here also will be the future home of the Grand Lodge of Utah.

Of the Masonic Service Association he says:

To me one of the outstanding accomplishments of the Association is the publishing of the "Master Mason."

Grand Secretary Sam Henry Goodwin summarizes the whole work of the year in a most comprehensive report in which incidentally he says:

Ordinary good sense and reason have not been outlawed in Masonry, at least not in Utah, and in this western country we are apt to look with suspicion upon one who claims perfection for himself, or demands it of others.

He issued several historical bulletins.

He was presented with a fully equipped five passenger sedan at Christmas, a fine surprise which he thus acknowledges:

If I knew how to do it adequately, I would tell you all how much your thought of me at this Christmas time means, and I would thank you every one for the contribution you made—not alone, or mainly—to my comfort, and pleasure, and happiness, in the possession of this beautiful car, but much more for your addition to those fadeless treasures of beautiful experiences and happy memories which will remain forever far removed from the tooth of rust and time.

Master Masons 4,937. Gain 119.

The Committee on Necrology call the time devoted to their report "the hour of memory" and use these verses:

> Great Master, touch us with Thy skillful hand—
> Let not the music that is in us die!
> Great Sculptor, hew and polish us: nor let,
> Hidden and lost, Thy form within us lie!

Heaven is not reached by a single bound,
But we build the ladder by which we rise
From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies,
And we mount to its summit round by round.

The Grievances and Appeals Committee interpret the law of trials liberally:

To avoid proceedings because of mere legal error not affecting substantial rights would be to defeat the enforcement of Masonic discipline, and make Masonic trials futile. It is only the broad principles of equity and the general idea of justice that must pervade Masonic trials.

This ceremony concluded the Transactions:

In keeping with a custom of many years standing, P.G.M. Nye presented the signet ring—"The Grand Master's private seal"—to his successor in office.

Dana T. Smith, Grand Master, received the ring and gave the required pledge to pass it on to his successor, untarnished, as he had received it.

The fine ceremonial which accompanied the laying of the cornerstone of the beautiful new Temple is given in full with illustrations and from the address of P.G.M. Morse on the occasion we make these selections:

It symbolizes to him that corner-stones of Brotherly love upon which he builds his moral and spiritual life. The care with which, by means of the square, the plumb and the level, the stone is placed in its true position typifies to him that unceasing and unending devotion to the cause of humanity which his duties as a Mason enjoin upon him.

It discovers the duties of a Mason to his fellow man not by reference to the prohibitions and commandments of laws but by the answer to that time old question, "Am I My Brother's Keeper." It accepts and acknowledges the duty and responsibility of each of its members for the welfare of his brother—that duty which impels him to go out of his way to help and assist, to aid by words of counsel and encouragement.

Harry P. Stoneman of Ingersoll represents Utah, and Canada is represented by Bro. R. J. Turner.

The Review feature of Utah's Proceedings universally recognized year after year, prepared by a master hand and coined in the mint of the mind of Grand Secretary Goodwin is a thing of beauty and a joy forever. It is preceded by the verses which end "God make me worthy of my friends!" His friends assure him that he is worthy.

We find this note of caution under Arkansas:

He gave the Craft this slogan: "California yesterday, Florida to-day, Arkansas to-morrow." We are not quite certain that in view of what has happened to the first two states named, the Grand Master meant this as a sort of prediction of the disasters that will overtake the "Wonder State".

The opening of our Grand Lodge is thus described:

Not often does it fall to the lot of a Grand Lodge to be welcomed by the mayors of two cities.

Then Grand Lodge opened, and then more words of welcome, and after a while Grand Master Rowland presented his address.

He dimly saw emerging from the chaos and confusion of recent years something like what we may call the spirit of Masonry.

He says the G.M's address comprehends all necessary items.

Of the D.D.G.M's and the Committee on Warrants the Reviewer records:

The Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters as usual opened many doors to the work, and to the thoughts, and ideals and daily life of the Craft in the Province. Of course they vary in length and character and interest and value since each is the product of the brain and pen of an individual, and no two individuals do their work alike—many forces and influences combine to make a man, and no two men come from the same mould. But in these reports we come close to the daily heart beat of the Fraternity.

We like these words from the report of the Board on Warrants: "The success of a Masonic Lodge cannot be measured by the number of candidates initiated by it in a given time, but only by the influence for good exercised by the members of the lodge in their daily life."

He speaks of our problems of Benevolence and the Lodges desiring someone else to carry their load.

He most generously and kindly speaks of the years in which this Reviewer wrote the Report on the Condition of Masonry when he says:

We usually followed the practice of some children: took our dessert first, and read Brother Ponton's exceptionally fine survey of the whole field Masonic.

In his work as Grand Correspondent we miss the pulsating mental stimulus always to be found in his reports on the Condition of Masonry. This is due to the fact that in those reports he was not held by any shackles as he is here, and necessarily so because of his conception of the work of the Grand Correspondent.

Here he lets the various Jurisdictions speak for themselves by means of extensive quotations which he connects up in the story by brief introductory and transition sentences. The character of the present task clips his wings and guides his feet into other paths, to the very great regret of at least one warm admirer of this gifted pen.

On Creeds under District of Columbia he makes a satisfying comment:

The matter of "creeds"—what a trouble maker this has been, and still is. To the writer for many, many years Micah's words have furnished a creed, and an ideal of surpassing attractiveness, where he says:

"And what doth Jehovah require of thee, but to do justly, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with thy God."

An ideal still, so much easier is it to argue about something about which we know little, than it is to give concrete expression to the best impulses in us.

This under Montana is interesting to Masonic s udents for reference.

A report of more than ordinary interest and value comes from the Committee on Ritual, prepared by Brother Lemert, the learned editor of the Montana Mason, on "Compass and Compasses". The Ritual of Montana makes use of "Compass" whenever reference is made to this great Light. Personally we prefer "Compasses." Brother Lemert makes a good showing in support of his contention that "Compass" is the older form, and that "Compasses" is a modern interloper.

Quebec's Grand Chaplain is highly praised:

With oppertunity and temptation to soar away into the unreal mists of Mysticism, the Grand Chaplain held steadily on his way of sane and much-needed instruction. That preacher is to be congratulated.

He does not respond affirmatively to a Grand Master of another Jurisdiction whose opening paragraph read:

"God in his infinite mercy has spared our unprofitable lives." That might be appropriate at a church experience meeting. Speaking by and large, we question very much if our common Father so regards the lives of his children, and we are unwilling to accuse Him of making such a mistake as those words seem to imply. For some reason we flinch and draw back from such statements in Grand Masters' addresses—but then, those words were not spoken to, or for, us.

Every page of Bro. Goodwin's report has its own striking feature.

VERMONT 1926

M.L. Bro. Christie B. Crowell, Grand Master.

The One Hundred and thirty-third Annual Communication was held at Burlington, June 9th, 1926. Canada's Grand Representative did not respond.

Eight Past Grand Masters were honoured in the Grand East.

The Grand Master in a comprehensive address says "our way has been smoothed and our journeying tranquil and pleasant." He urged that the Annual Proceedings be made earlier available to the Craft at large.

He ruled that on two occasions only has a lodge the right to appear in public without a special Dispensation, namely, at Masonic funerals and when attending Church in a body.

He acknowledges a legacy for charity of $4,750.

He calls attention to the growing practice of appointing a Commission by Grand Lodge whose duty it was to take charge of and conduct lodge trials.

In his closing he says:

Brethren I wonder if we are open to the criticism of being content to float about in the eddy of indifference when the current of Masonic life, activity and thought should have carried us on to higher and better things, to larger fields of usefulness and service.

There is no surer way to dry up sympathy, kindness and regard than indulgence in that feeling of superiority which is the natural result of dwelling upon past performance or record.

"Life's a rough road and a steep road
And it stretches wide and far
But it leads at last to a golden town
Where golden houses are."

Membership 18,942. Net gain 260.

The Correspondence Report is again by M.W. Bro. Archie S. Harriman, who in his introduction says:

Grand Masters and Grand Lodges are still seeking just and reasonable means to handle the increasing efforts of organizations to attach themselves to the good ship Masonry for the special benefit to be derived from such relationship. De Molay, and the several girls' organizations have tried for recognition to such *quasi* attachment as the Eastern Star years ago achieved.

Under Alberta we read, and trust that some means will be found to make "the bounds of freedom wider yet."

Quoting Grand Secretary Ross' remark anent low dues in Vermont Lodges that "Freemasonry is almost literally free, and in this respect nearly rivals religion," he says, "The genial secretary can hardly be up in church matters or he would know that, whereas salvation may be free, religion would not make much progress unless church members were more liberal in their givings than a yearly offering of one dollar."

We sincerely thank our colleague for his fine review of Canada. He quotes the whole of the paragraph on Masonic offences from the Grand Master's address and also the whole Report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry on the wrong use of the ballot and says that the Report might well be given in full "so filled is it with sound Masonic teaching". He generously speaks of this reviewer as "wise and experienced" and quotes our introductions and attributes to us "an eagle eye for the striking, the informative passages of the volumes he reviews."

Under New Brunswick he says:

We personally have seen no signs that any American Grand Lodge will recognize a Prince Hall Grand Lodge as anything but clandestine, nor do we expect such action to be taken by any.

George B. Wheeler represents Canada and Vermont is represented by William H. Tudhope of Orillia.

VERMONT 1927

M.W. Bro. Frederick H. Babbitt, Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. Henry H. Ross, Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and thirty-fourth Annual Communication was held at Burlington, June 15, 1927.

Canada's Grand Representative was not present.

Visitors from the Philippine Islands, Connecticut and New Jersey warmly welcomed.

Nine Past Grand Masters adorned the Grand East.

From the relatively brief address of the G.M. we take these paragraphs:

While we are permitted by God's Providence to meet today with our official ranks unbroken, many of our Brothers during the past year have been summoned to that fair land where the war-drums of life's battles no longer beat, and life's banners so proudly borne for a brief hour, are furled before the King of Kings.

It is your Grand Lodge and cannot function without you. You should be present and take part in everything that there takes place. It is one of the highest and most imperative of your duties as a Mason.

Appeals for help have been numerous, and mostly deserving. I have urged the lodges to increase their dues.

The Ritual itself is but the *shadow* of that great and cohesive mass of fundamental truths embraced in Masonry's teachings, and to say that a Mason is *proficient* and *qualified* merely because he had mentally mastered the language of the Ritual, is to substitute the shadow for the substance, and the forms and ceremonies, for the great and fundamental truths of our fraternity.

He must know *these* things if he would be indeed proficient; he must live them if he would be .*qualified No* wind serves him who has no destined port.

Membership 19,263. Net gain 322.

We regret to note that Vermont decided not to join the Masonic Service Association. Their good work commends itself to us.

There are many memorial pages dedicated to 324 Master Masons who died since last they met in 1926.

Until we meet again before His throne
Clothed in the spotless robes He gives His own.
Until we know even as we are known,
Good-night.

The Correspondence is again in the able care of Archie S. Harriman, P.G.M. He writes a vigorous introduction:

Many Grand Jurisdictions are still rather slow in paying their quota to the Washington Memorial Association.

This movement but pointed the way to others by revealing how easy it is to secure millions for some real or fancied charitable work. We are gradually being swamped with the multiplicity of these demands.

Will it not be so, if dreaming visionaries are allowed to guide the policies of Grand Lodges? Men quote that thought which has glorified the past of Masonry, "Masonry is a progressive science," and put all the emphasis on the word "progressive".

He quotes the following under British Columbia with approval:

One has no respect for the loose and idle son who boasts his blood. We rather feel that he should blush for shame at his unworthiness. By worthy life and worthy life alone can one justify a boast of noble forbears. And so with us as Freemasons.

He and DeWolf-Smith cross swords as gentlemen:

Bro. Harriman's views on Masonic matters are, from our point of view, in the main, sound, but we cannot agree with him that the Ancient and Accepted Rite is a branch of legitimate Masonry. Neither do we agree that a body emanating from a Grand Orient may, by renouncing its connection with the Grand Orient, make itself a regular Masonic body.

We agree with the reviewer so well on most Masonic matters that we are content to harmoniously disagree with him on the matter of Masonic illegitimacy. We ask grace for the split infinitive.

Under Canada after reciting the long lines of welcomes and preliminary addresses he says:

By this time suspecting that it was welcome, Grand Lodge got down to business and the Grand Master delivered his address.

He kindly calls our Review "a masterpiece in style and content".

He quotes largely from Grand Master Rowland's address and from the Committees' Reports.

Connecticut reveals this difference in opinion:

Under North Carolina he says:

In view of the universality of Masonry, we doubt the advisability of a law barring negroes, although we cannot

conceive of the possibility of one passing the ballot in North Carolina, or even in Connecticut.

We know of at least one who passed the ballot in Vermont. He is a good, square man, highly thought of in his community, and possesses a college education. Such a man adds strength to his lodge, whatever the color of his skin. "It is the internal, and not the external, qualifications which Masonry regards."

He approves West Virginia's respect for the Sabbath:

The Grand Master wisely refused the requests of seven church bodies to lay the corner stones of their respective Churches on Sunday.

George B. Wheeler represents Canada and W. H. Tudhope represents Vermont.

VIRGINIA

Ben. W. Beach, M.W. Grand Master.

Charles A. Nesbitt, R.W. Grand Secretary.

Several emergent Communications were held at various times during the year for laying corner-stones and other purposes, one of them was for laying the corner-stone of Downing Bridge, a rather unusual function. Another for the corner-stone of the Masonic Relief Foundation Pavilion, 400 Master Masons participating, a wonderful philanthropic undertaking. Another for the corner-stone of the Hughes Memorial School. In Virginia they do not—as in Ontario—object to the Craft laying foundation stones of Schools, our proper function.

Grand Lodge also met to conduct the funeral of Past Grand Master Duke, a worthy custom observed in many Jurisdictions.

The One Hundred and Forty-ninth Annual Communication was held in Richmond, February 8th, 1927.

From the Grand Master's introductory remarks we quote:

If much has been accomplished it has been due to the loyal support and earnest co-operation of the official family.

Not until memory forsakes me can I forget the deference paid the high office of Grand Master, the real Masonic courtesy extended by every brother with whom I came in contact, and the eager desire to render service.

Let us so live that when the Angel of Death shall receive the dread mandate to strike us from the roll of the living, that opposite our names may be written, "He loved his fellow man."

He was greatly impressed with his visitations and declares his impression to be:

There was no friction but a oneness of purpose to go forward.

He has backbone, and permissions were declined by him (1) to solicit funds from other subordinate lodges to build a new lodge room, (2) to allow a Band to use Masonic emblems

on instruments, (3) to unveil a monument on Sunday, (4) to allow a lodge to dedicate a town hall, and (we regret) to say) (5) to entertain a petition of a man who had lost one foot. When will Virginia recognize the Temple not made with hands?

He decided (1) that a lodge had a right to levy assessments upon members to replenish treasury, (2) that it is not permissible for a uniform degree team of the Scottish Rite to confer M.M. degree in a York Rite Lodge.

Apparently the ballot for advancement in Virginia is circulated not merely to test the Masonic proficiency of a candidate but also as to his moral fitness.

Sir Thomas W. Chitty has been appointed to represent Virginia near England.

The Grand Master, the Committee and all the members are most enthusiastic about the Home, the G.M. saying:

It is a delight to visit this Home and mingle with the two hundred children now being entertained in our commodious building. In all my connection with the Home, I am indeed proud to say that I have never seen things in better shape than now.

The children are happy; the building spick and span from cellar to garret; the farm land in the highest state of cultivation, producing maximum crops. In fact the whole layout is enough to awell a Mason's heart with pride when he visits the Home.

Brethren, all this has been brought to pass on the small pittance of $2.00 per year from the membership of Virginia. Think of it.

Is the breezy little paper published at the Masonic Home, of which M.W. Charles H. Callahan is editor, and is destined some day to become the official organ of Masonry in the State, has grown to be a fine newsy sheet carrying in its columns the activities of the Home family.

The G.M. decries the multiplicity of lodges and urges consolidation of those almost dead ones that are not functioning at all. Good roads make this possible. He says "we carry too much dead timber."

With this picture of the state of the Order he concludes:

Dissensions have been numerous in our ranks the past year, the cause of much worry and trouble. This, in my opinion, is due to lack of care in selecting material for Masonic work. We cannot erect a perfect Masonic structure with inferior material. Let's try our hand at moulding and shaping the material we have in hand rather than seek more.

There are wounds to be healed,
There are hurts we must mend;
There's a cup of cold water to give,
And the man in the road by the side of his friend
Is the man that has learned how to live.

A resolution was passed giving expression to the sense of sorrow at the absence of P.G.M. Joseph W. Eggleston, with whose friendship this reviewer is honoured.

The Grand Archivist reports:

In the past year your Archivist has kept record of the enquiries coming in and it developed the fact that out of one hundred and fifty-three calls for information, three were for records of present members, and one hundred and fifty for those brethren who have passed on, either withdrawn, suspended, expelled or dead; that will show you how necessary it is to have the record of each lodge as complete as it is possible to make it in the card index files.

Nine Past Grand Masters participated in all the Proceedings.

Canada's Grand Representative did not answer Roll Call.

Virginia is divided into 60 Districts and all the D.D.G.M's. reported comprehensively but far more concisely than ours do.

Membership 47,659. Net gain 659.

William S. Pettit represents Canada and T. H. Brunton represents Virginia with us.

The Correspondence Review has appended to it a note that owing to the illness of M.W. Bro. Eggleston the Report is not complete. We regret this the more as Canada has not fallen under his kindly eye and is not reviewed, but the rich nuggets of ore that the completed Reviews furnish is as usual, of the highest possible grade and without alloy.

From the many original thoughts we take a few which are to be found under various Jurisdictions:

The lesson to be learned is that we should more carefully guard the West Gate. Most of us have a weakness to take in our friends even when they are men we would blackball were they not our friends. Because of our fondness for them others refrain from rejecting them and Masonry suffers. Sometimes a weak desire for the fees to be gained by the lodge has more influence on the ballot than it should have.

Besides the relief of suffering humanity and the blessings the unfortunate receive at our hands through Masonic Homes, the reactionary effect on all of us is of far greater moment. The blessing of giving, and giving effectively is wonderful. There is a vital truth in the passage, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Maintaining Masonic Homes does more to make Masons out of our members than all the other activities in which we participate.

A very nice question arose as to the right of a Mason to keep the secrets of a Brother even when such secrets involved concealing a Masonic offence. The committee held that another part of his obligation being of equal binding force he should have reported the offence. We are not just sure we agree with them. He might be absolved from the first if he

held the Brother unworthy, if their ritual and ours are the same, but all the same the question involved is a very fine point.

It was formally recommended that the lodges "lend their aid, encouragement and support" to the Rainbow girls. Whither are the Masons drifting?

Another was also adopted condemning Mussolini of Italy. Politics!

All men of intelligence have ceased to look upon the change from this transitory scene to whatever awaits us beyond the vail as a "Doom". All nature teaches that all things are progressive and as far as we can see each step is a change for the better. Few now think that a kind Heavenly Father will doom his creatures to fire and brimstone. Certainly Masons should so live that their change will not be a doom.

Our own idea is that what passes for Masonry in Italy is nothing more than a secret political society which devotes its energies to attack on the Church of Rome.

Georgia pays him this tribute:

Dear, blessed Brother-Compatriot of the Craft—beloved Virginia gentleman and stalwart chieftain, we again salute you in friendship and love, as we read your admirable Correspondence Review.

We read further:

The Chairman of the Foreign Correspondence Committee made a report on recognition in which he withheld recognition of Czecho-Slovakia because of its A.A.S.R. origin and allegiance. It being something else than the Masonry we in America know he was eminently right. His reason was that it was not a sovereign and independent body.

Ireland is reviewed at length and most entertainingly.

Again we read this interesting comment under Pennsylvania:

The deeper we dig into early days the more we are convinced that there has been Masonry in Virginia as long as there have been men of English lineage here and perhaps the same would develop in Pennsylvania on proper research. This would not be likely as to New England because the original settlers were of a class there not likely to have been Masons in England. Anyhow there are some features of Masonry in Pennsylvania we greatly admire and to which they adhere with tenacity because of their antiquity. All modern movements are an injury because that one thing our matchless antiquity differentiates us from the countless other societies.

On Mexico's repudiation of the word profane, Bro. Eggleston comments thus:

Now we do not see the need of any of the above. The Latin is "Pro" Without, or Outside, and "Fanum" Temple. The noun has some relation to the verb, "to profane" and to the adjective, "profane", but a very indirect one. Its Masonic

use is very ancient and very appropriate. It simply means not a Mason. There is no other one word that so inoffensively carries that exact meaning.

He is outspoken with regard to the O. E. S. and quotes:

Those who know that the Grand Master of Pennsylvania was alluding to the meddling of the O.E.S. in Masonry which caused a Grand Master to require that no Mason should continue his membership in that organization, and that the Grand Master of Tennessee referred to Masonic Clubs, will see the difference. Of course neither will long tolerate the interference of either in Masonic affairs.

As we revise the proofs of the above review we learn with deep regret that Virginia has lost her grand old man, Joseph W. Eggleston. This is a personal loss to all of us.

WASHINGTON

Walter Frederick Meier, M.W. Grand Master.

From the biography of the Grand Master (who by the way is the Grand Representative of Canada) which precedes the Proceedings, we learn that he also (as in so many other instances) was first a farmer, second a teacher and third a lawyer. He has published many valuable articles on Masonry and

His capacity for the accomplishment of maniford activities has proven the wonder and admiration of all his Brethren.

This praise is amply borne out in his elaborate and alphabetically systematized address, one of the most complete this Reviewer has read.

The Seventieth Annual Communication was held in Seattle, 21st June, 1927. Again Washington welcomed and honoured one by one no less than twenty Past Grand Masters.

The Stars and Stripes as "the emblem of civil and religious liberty" was escorted to a place of honour in the East.

From the address of welcome by the Lodges of Seattle and the reply of the Grand Master, we take these paragraphs:

Their lives have been our example, their deeds our inspiration, and their work our standard.

We admire these younger men for their zeal and industry and we take both pride and comfort in the thought that strong hands and stout hearts will ever be ready to guide.

We are here because Masonry has gripped us; because we have fallen heir to a world-needed philosophy; because we are proud to be the custodians of that philosophy, and because we do not want that heritage to suffer while in our possession.

Then came the memorable message of the Grand Master. He visited ten of the eleven lodges of Washington in Alaska and the account of his tour reads like a picturesque romance.

His address and the Proceedings generally are full of artistic reproduction of many of his experiences one his projected flight in an aeroplane to keep an engagement. From his steamer at the ports of call to visit lodges he was accompanied by a goodly number of his fellow passengers and crew. This incident may be recorded:

While in Cordova I convened Grand Lodge for the purpose of dedicating the new Masonic Temple. Knowing that I was the only Grand Lodge officer who would be present, the Brethren of Mt. McKinley Lodge had assigned among themselves the respective Grand Lodge offices they would fill during the dedication ceremony and each having a speaking part, had familiarized himself with it so that it was unnecessary for anyone to refer to monitor or notes in connection therewith.

While in the Arctic north he laid the cornerstone of the Northern Light Presbyterian Church and dedicated a new Masonic Temple.

Altogether throughout his Jurisdiction he estimates that he had addressed upwards of 25,000 people.

Under Correspondence he points out that no less than 12 letters and 2 telegrams were rendered necessary by the failure of the Secretary of a lodge properly to attend to the duties of his office.

Among his decisions is the following:

In the case where personal service of charges cannot be had upon the accused, a Lodge Tribunal may cause service of such charges to be served by registered mail.

He had strong and convincing views upon diverting Lodge and Grand Lodge funds to other than Masonic purposes and he makes a thorough legal analysis of the situation as it presents itself to him and doubtless will present itself to other Grand Masters.

It is improper for a lodge to:

(a) Join with civic and commercial organizations in urging the President of the United States to visit the Northwest;

(b) Make an appropriation for the support of a Church;

(c) Make an appropriation for a Children's Home Finding Association, unless it be connected with a specific instance involving the child of a Master Mason;

(d) Make an appropriation for the purpose of building a public swimming pool;

(e) Make an appropriation to assist in the erection of a monument in Washington, D.C., "in honor of American Sea Heroes and all our fellow countrymen lost at sea, in peace as well as war."

(f) Make an appropriation to assist in the establishment and maintenance of a tubercular hospital which is not under the direct control of any Masonic body.

In approaching this matter I was cognizant of an appreci able tendency on the part of some members of the Craft to induce our lodges to engage in various lines of work, highly commendable in character, but which has never been recognized essentially as "Masonic Work".

We are in sympathy with all good movements. We are anxious to see the great cause of civilization advanced. We are anxious that men the world over should be generous, thoughtful, religious and upright. However, we seek to bring about those conditions, not through direct action upon the world, but rather through the activity incited on the part of individuals because of the training received by them through our Fraternity. If Masons are interested in the furtherance of a particular political or religious ideal, let them associate themselves together, not as Masons, but as citizens.

Masonry is a traditional association which has never undertaken to do all the good things which ought to be done. It has undertaken to do a few of the essentially and fundamentally good things.

But Masonry adopts no policy and undertakes no program to which every man who believes in a personal God cannot, nay must not subscribe without reservation. More than that, Masonry forbids the introduction of any programs or policies upon which men disagree.

Masonry becomes the center of union, and the means of conciliating true Friendship among Persons that must else have remained at a perpetual Distance.

He ruled against one "unanimous ballot being cast for an elective officer."

He admits the excellent work of the De Molay but points out the influence it may have upon the Craft and says moreover:

In many of the DeMolay Chapters uniformed "patrols" are being organized. The officers of the various Chapters are working in expensive robes.

We may preserve the beneficial influence of this organization for boys and at the same time, see to it that the Institution of Masonry, as such, may not ultimately be confronted with the more serious question of how it shall preserve its Ancient Landmarks, nor witness "any deviation from our established customs."

He had the backbone to refuse many Dispensations asked. He reproduces in full the correspondence with New Mexico in relation to the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association on behalf of which, after the Grand Master had refused to circularize his own lodges, New Mexico circularized the lodges of Washington without permission. They afterwards withdrew and apologized.

Under Masonic advertising he says that during the year he has been called upon to challenge the conuct of Masons in

connection with a number of enterprises including the Shrine's use of the words "Masonic" or "For Masons Only".

The new Masonic Home dedicated by Grand Lodge and the devotion of the Committee is spoken of in glowing terms.

He is dynamic, not static.

He thus concludes:

Some find that Light in one Body, some in another, but, regardless of where the heart's desire might find its greatest satisfaction, I have appreciated the privilege of serving all of these Brethren in the capacity as Grand Master.

When one realizes his own limitations then it is that he acquires his greatest strength, and so I believe that my ability to carry "on" has been due in no small degree to a realization that I could not accomplish what I ought by a reliance merely upon human powers.

The Grand Historian has delved deep in to the history of the facts and factors in Washington Masonry.

The Grand Orator spoke on Landmarks saying:

Let no man make innovations in the body of Masonry; the charge is as wise to-day as it ever was. Masonry needs no new program, no new purpose. It has its program and its purpose as big and as all-embracing as the human heart and conscience.

Membership 47,818. Net gain 1,409.

Frank A. Copus of Stratford, represents Washington.

The Chairman of Foreign Correspondence is M.W. E. H. Van Patten, and his introduction is forceful and interesting, especially on the subject that is giving such concern to all Grand Jurisdictions:

We find the matter of extraneous bodies which have attached themselves, at least in the minds of the public, to the Masonic Institution. It matters not under what name these bodies masquerade, the very fact that they take their membership solely from those who have taken certain Masonic degrees, is enough to brand such bodies as Masonic in the view taken by the outside world.

They seemed to spring up almost over night, and their relationship to the Masonic Institution was as tenuous as that which now exists between the Grotto and Masonic Lodge.

In a sense they remind us of the tropic vines which cling to the mighty trees of the forest for support, until there comes a time when they choke the tree to death and rise above its ruins in parasitic strength and usurped grandeur.

The only hope that we can see is for Masonry, based as it is upon the doctrine of monotheism and immortality, to hold fast to the eternal verities, and free itself from all entangling encumbrances.

This question is one that is outstanding in its importance, for Masonry is getting the blame for the actions of some of

these "playful" Masons, and we see in the public press statements which cause many a blush to come to the honest member of the Fraternity.

Canada 1926 is most satisfyingly reviewed in four pages. He says:

The Grand Body was welcomed by both of the mayors of the twin cities, and we note that both of them are evidently Americans, for they boast freely of the big things which appertain to their separate cities, as the biggest in the world. We felt decidedly at home when we read the old familiar words.

Regarding the Grand Master's address from which he generously quotes (especially regarding the moral and educational purposes of the Order), he says:

The above is as pertinent in Washington as it is in Canada and the moral should be taken home by every conscientious Mason. The question often arises in my mind as to the trend of present Masonic thought. Is our emphasis on the charitable side of Masonic work handled in the wisest way?

Speaking of the physical condition of candidates and their financial ability to support themselves and their families, he has decided views, as we all ought to have:

Those who are liable to become incumbents of our charitable institutions by reason of their inability to properly finance themselves and those dependent upon them, while they may be worthy in every other way, yet it is unfair to the mass of Masons to deliberately burden them unnecessarily.

This Reviewer is much gratified and encouraged by his praise:

The report on Correspondence is a wonderful compilation of what is being done in the Masonic world. His reviews are full and comprehensive, and are couched in that courteous way which makes every one feel good after reading what he says. That he reads the proceedings very fully, even going through the reviews quite carefully, is manifest by his comments and quotations.

We wish that we had the time to do as much reading of the reviews as he undoubtedly does, but unfortunately, hitherto we have been forced to write under stress of immediate preparation for the printer. and therefore have been unable to more than skim through the proceedings, rather than to give them a careful reading.

Throughout his review he is most liberal in his poetic reproductions. We wish that space permitted the whole of the poems that his inspired eye selects. These must be sufficient:

Some day the testing time will come, when all the dead shall rise
And meet the Judge upon His throne beyond the cloudless skies.
Then whose name will brighter shine on Heaven's eternal scroll,

A man's, who shaped insensate stone, or hers, who trained a soul?

I wish that there was some wonderful place
Called the Land of Beginning Again,
Where all our mistakes and all our heartaches,
And all of our poor selfish grief
Could be dropped like a shabby old coat at the door
And never put on again.

Who takes for his motto, "I'll do what I can"
Shall better the world as he goes down life's hill;
The willing young heart makes the capable man,
And who does what he can, oft can do what he will.

Under New Hampshire he traces the Reviewer's pedigree:

He states that he does not know why he is called "Correspondent," but presumes that it is as good a term for that officers as any. We also have wondered at the name of said office, but have concluded that it may have been that said officer was first appointed to take care of correspondence between Grand Jurisdictions, but that finding there was so little for him to do, he eventually began to give a synopsis of the main events in the Masonic world to his own Grand Lodge. This piece of usefulness seemed so good that the reviews soon became published with the proceedings.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

M.W. the Most Rev. C. O. L. Riley, D.D., V.D., Archbishop of Perth, Grand Master.

J. D. Stevenson, Perth, Grand Secretary.

Quarterly Communication was held at Kalgoorlie, 26th August, 1926. The Scottish District Grand Master was saluted in due form.

The Grand Master's address was read by the Grand Secretary and expressed the joys of what has now come to be known as the Annual Goldfields Communication.

He recommends the perusal and study of the Proceedings in the following words:

I very strongly recommend the Volume to the brethren, especially those who take an interest in the affairs of the Craft outside of Australia. As a means of education I know nothing better, and as to its sphere of usefulness, I would refer the brethren to the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

It has been found that under Western Australian law, lodges who remunerate their Officers are liable under the Compensation Act and it is recommended that they should insure under the Act.

Quarterly Communication was held at Perth, 25th November, 1926.

The Grand Master in his address contrasted the cold of Western Australia and New South Wales from which he suffered, after leaving 97 degrees in the shade. Verily Canada has its tonic advantages!

The union of Constitutions has not yet been completed but friendly discussions are continued.

A very useful lesson is taught in the Report of the Board of General Purposes:

The Board has been called upon to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the admission of a candidate, who was excluded from the lodge for non-payment of dues within nineteen months of his being raised. The Board found that at the time of his initiation his financial position was not such as would enable him to support the institution of Freemasonry, but on the contrary he was financially involved and owed considerable sums of money. The Board was of the opinion that through the negligence of those directly concerned the best interests of the lodge and the Craft generally had not been safeguarded, and therefore the proposer and seconder, as well as the three members of the Committee of Inquiry, were deserving of censure and were censured accordingly. The Board does not impute any design on the part of those censured to mislead the lodge, but there was evidence of gross carelessness in inquiring into the candidate's circumstances.

Quarterly Communication at Perth 24th February, 1927, the Grand Master on the throne.

It being proposed to establish a new Scottish Lodge and the consent of the Grand Master being asked, he felt that any such variation of the agreement made with Scotland would involve a reference to the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Other interesting matters he treats of as follows:

Sunday next will mark the Twenty-seventh Anniversary of the establishment of Grand Lodge, and during the whole 27 years I have been in office, having served one year as Grand Chaplain, one year as Senior Grand Warden, four years as Pro. Grand Master, and twenty-one years as Grand Master, a record of which I am very proud, and, needless to say, it is an honour which I have greatly appreciated. The Grand Secretary has been in office for the same number of years, and to his clear-headedness, urbanity, sound commonsense, loyalty, and last, but not least, his pawky Scotch humour, the great success of our Grand Lodge is due.

That the Grand Lodge of Western Australia will not oppose any claim on the part of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales to regard the Federal Territory of Canberra as being within its Jurisdiction.

The Most Rev. the Grand Master having been re-elected, he acknowledged the repeated honour in the following words:

I have been amongst others and other Societies in all parts of the world, and, so far as I know, this is the best man-

nered and best tempered Grand Lodge ever founded. There is no one here to tell us that, so I thought I had better tell you. The State is going ahead, and we must go ahead. I have always thought, and still think, notwithstanding what some people say, that one of the main factors for the peace of the community and the peace of the world is the Masonic fraternity.

I remember once we had three Past Masters—one English, one Irish, and one Scotch—and the difficulty was to agree about the function or anything. I said, "You do the fighting, and I will do the Installation"; and that was the way it was done.

The Annual Communication was held at Perth, 26th May, 1927.

On behalf of Grand Lodge he had presented a loyal address to their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York.

When Grand Lodge was established there was a membership of 2,000. The membership is now 7,667, showing an increase of nearly 400 for the year.

The Grand Inspector of Workings is a busy officer.

121 children, 14 aged Freemasons and 12 aged widows are being supported by Grand Lodge, a fine record.

Canada was represented by Bro. H. B. Collett, and W. J. Mooney represents Western Australia with us.

The Grand Master said in his reply to the address of the Grand Representatives:

I always look upon this presentation of the Representatives of Foreign Jurisdictions as one of the lessons of the year in geography, as well as illustrating the world-wide nature of our noble institution.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence by Bro. James W. E. Archdeacon is comprehensive and far reaching as the following extracts from his introduction will show:

A greater regard for Masonic education and research is being manifested. The "degree factory" is being gradually supplanted by Masonic training. What subordinate lodges failed to realize, Grand Lodges have at last awakened to, namely, that to make Masons is something more than a mill process; that the degrees are merely the gateways to a field of knowledge comprehending the whole object and purpose of Masonry; and that to enable the Mason to benefit from the field, it must be thickly strewn with the plants of learning.

The reception given to these facilities, as well by the older, as by the younger members with their newly-created hunger for greater knowledge of the new country they have entered upon, demonstrates the truth that degrees will make members, but only education will make Masons.

A second result is the attention given to inculcating a higher standard of citizenship, both world-wide and national.

It is also creating a greater sense of the duty we owe to our brother whose abandonment of lodge standing suggests that he has ceased to care for us. We have to get that class of brother back into the Masonic fold.

The funds have increased. Masonic homes and other philanthropic institutions mark Freemasonry's sedulous practice of "the greatest thing in the world"—charity.

Clandestinism seems to be growing less, but on the other hand, too many quasi-Masonic organizations predicate their membership more or less upon association with Masonry. I fear that indirectly may be traced to some of these, the prevalence in certain quarters to a commercialisation of Masonry, against which Grand Lodges protest without having, apparently, detected its source.

Despite their claim of Masonic tolerance, Masonic orators are found proclaiming a militant antagonism to certain supposed claims and aims of the Latin Church.

Characteristic of the United States, this Washington memorial, which will cost upwards of £1,100,000, provided by American Masonry, has less of the utilitarian and more of the idealistic in it than the British memorial, but the fact that the erection of these two magnificent structures is proceeding simultaneously, and the ideal of peace which they represent, should serve to cement the ties of friendship which unite the Empire and Republic.

Under Alabama he gives these interesting comments upon a subject much discussed:

One finds the Eastern Star bulking largely. This female Order does most certainly a great deal of excellent work for Masonic benevolence, and how greatly its efforts won his appreciation is testified by his remark that "it is really difficult to see how we would have gotten along at all without the help they have given." Yet, this scribe has a feeling that Masonic bodies without stellar affinities get along wonderfully well in charity by depending upon their own observance of the Grand Principles of Brother Love and Relief instead of upon these, "superfluous knobs and excrescences."

Twice during the session, Grand Lodge, was called from labour to refreshment of a different kind from that of satisfying the inner man. The first "refreshment" was a delegation from the "Order of the Rainbow for Girls," which seems to be the complementary kindergarten to the "Order of De Molay for Boys". The second "refreshment" was the inevitable visit of the Order of the Eastern Star, And on each occasion, we are gravely told that, the ladies having retired Grand Lodge was called from "refreshment" to labour. And that's that!

Canada 1926 is favourably reviewed. He says:

The Grand Master took the commonsense view now almost generally favoured in the Craft, that the qualification was

reached when there existed ability to substantially comply, with the requirements of the Ritual.

He is greatly struck with the Report on the Condition of Masonry and says of it:

A more than usually thoughtful report on the condition of Masonry was presented.

In the United States there was a tendency to elaborate expansion and to the growth and fostering of auxiliary organizations, a remarkable numerical strength, together with a surprisingly large membership in some constituent lodges, a fondness for costly and palatial temples; a dangerous tendency in the direction of political partisanship; and a very commendable use of great wealth in the building and maintenance of Masonic homes and hospitals.

He speaks kindly of our "faithful and thoughtful" work and tenders most cordial thanks for our "truly fraternal review".

Connecticut gave him this opportunity:

And yet there are folks who imagine that a faithful, conscientious clergyman—and there be many such, both in and out of Masonry—has an easy time of it.

Even those who do not see eye-to-eye with the Masonic Service Association cannot but admire the zeal it puts into its labours on behalf of the Craft, and Connecticut is one of its most whole-souled supporters. One wonders, however, whether Connecticut supports the Association's awful coinage of the word "Masoniscope". The instrument so "fearfully and wonderfully" named is a film contraption for illustrationg degree work and lectures, and it is intended to supply replicas of the—let us call it "scope"—chiefly to member lodges for educational purposes.

Virginia's publicity of installation is thus rebuked:

Grand Master issued three dispensations for "public installations". These curious intrusions upon Masonic privacy seem to be growing in favour. How they can be reconciled with "our secret arts and hidden mysteries" seems past finding out.

Here is something of interest to all who take a wide-horizoned view of cosmopolitan Masonry:

Masonry, we are told, was driven out of Finland, years ago, by Russia, where it seems to be the fashion to drive everything out which does not harmonize with the views of the ruling power, monarchical or proletarian. It was not re-introduced until after the world war and the formation of the Republic of Finland, when, at the request of some Masons, there, it was re-established by the Grand Lodge of New York, which seems to act as a kind of Masonic fairy god-mother to various countries outside America. Since then Finland has become sovereign territory under its own Grand Lodge, the ultimate step New York always has in view, and encourages.

WEST VIRGINIA

William Taylor Workman, M.W. Grand Master.

F. W. Van Horn, Acting Grand Master.

Many special Communications were held, the most important being that called for the purpose of conducting the funeral services of the Grand Master, William Taylor Workman, who died in knightly harness shortly before the Annual Meeting.

The Sixty-third Annual was held in Huntington, 16th November, 1927. Sixteen Past Grand Masters held up the hands of the Acting Grand Master in the East.

George W. McClintic represented Canada.

At the reception of the Grand Representatives, Bro. Carrigan representing New Zealand, replied, quoting this and other verses:

I will look sometimes about me for the things that merit praise;
I will search for hidden duties that elude the grumbler's gaze.
I will try to find contentment in the path that I must tread;
I will cease to have resentment when another moves ahead.
I will not be filled with envy when my rival's strength is shown;
I will not deny his merit, but I'll try to prove my own.

From the introduction of the Acting Grand Master we make this selection:

For the first time in the history of this Grand Lodge the ruthless hand of death has been laid upon the head of the Order and its Grand Master stricken from the roll of the living. Truly, a good man has fallen. In reflecting upon his life and character we may say with Bunyan, "Let dissolution come when it will, it can do the Christian no harm, for it will be but a passage out of a prison into a palace; out of a sea of trouble into a haven of rest; out of a crowd of enemies, to an innumerable company of true, loving, and faithful friends; out of shame, reproach, and contempt, into exceeding great and eternal glory." While Bro. Workman is gone his work remains; ours is the task to carry on.

As to the George Washington Memorial he reports 40% unpaid and adds:

Living within the very shadow of this memorial, occupying a portion of the same territory over which Washington exercised such a dominant influence in writing the history of our country, we, of all Masons, should esteem it a rare privilege to have part in this unique and lasting testimonial.

The late M.W. Bro. Workman had partially prepared his annual address and it was pieced together by a friend and Brother who read it to Grand Lodge. In his introduction he said:

This ancient Craft of Freemasonry, so ancient that its story runs back into a far time where history and legend blend, and which we reckon among the most precious possessions of mankind, should be a constant source of thankfulness to us.

What of the future, dim and unknown, in the years that lie ahead of us? One thing is certain: No matter what chances and changes the coming years may bring, the Temple of Freemasonry will stand.

A visitor from Virginia strikingly said:

I was fifty years old before I discovered that there is no human institution that benefits mankind which remains stationary, not even a religious faith. We must be progressive.

Two hundred years after the death of Solomon, a great prophet told the people of that country of their wrong doing and sins of commission. He told them that God would not hold them guiltless. And then he wound up in this way: "You have forgotten a brotherly agreement, you have violated a covenant." Amos must be referring to that covenant between Solomon and Hiram of Tyre.

I want to bring you my assurance that the Grand Lodge of Virginia will never forget the brotherly covenant.

Past Grand Master Gibson quoted these well known lines in reference to the deceased Grand Master.

He is gone on the mountain,
He is lost in the forest,
Like a summer-dried fountain,
When our need was the sorest.
The hand of the reaper
Takes the ears that are hoary,
But the voice of the weeper
Wails manhood in glory.

Membership 34,048. Gain 571.

Joseph Fowler of Sudbury, represents West Virginia.

The Correspondence Review is again in the able hands of Bro. L. N. Tavenner, who in his introductory summary thus gathers together some outstanding features that struck him:

All seem to have problems, all seem to meet them.

The feeling seems apparent that we are in danger of Masonry, in its prime meaning as applied to principles and teachings of the fraternity in the constituent lodges, is in danger of becoming top heavy. Some Grand Masters have adopted custom of presenting for special notice, if not grand honors, brethren because of their having survived epidemics and afflictions that carried their contemporaries to the better land, or because in Concordant Bodies they have received recognition.

While the Apostle credits love of the brethren as evidence of salvation, and Christians must love each other, yet why should a Brother not a Christian in his religious faith be ordered to extend Grand Honors to one who has been recognized by Order of Christian Knighthood?

Canada for 1927 is well reviewed. He speaks of our many visitors from sister Grand Jurisdictions and says that:

The Grand Master delivered a fine address, paying tributes to the organizers of the Grand Lodge and the Canadian Confederation and the League of Nations, what he appropriately termed "historical background."

Of the D.D.G.M's he speaks appreciatively:

Thirty-two D.D.G.M's made fine reports thereby keeping the fraternity in close touch throughout the Jurisdiction and proving that Masonry is awake in the Province of Ontario."

Of the administrative problem involved he thus writes:

The Grand Master of such membership has indeed a full sized job and what a compliment paid by the Grand Lodge's adoption of report of the Board, "your committee can add nothing to, and would not by comment subtract anything from the clear and beautiful tracing of the Grand Master upon the relationship of Masonry to Education and to the Church, to which the Craft has ever been—must ever be—the willing handmaid and ally, a ladder and channel of service."

We esteem very much his review of our review:

Report on Correspondence is by Bro. Ponton and highly interesting. Excerpts are of the choicest and his comments indicative. His notice of the writer's efforts are highly appreciated and we gather that as in other Grand Jurisdictions without the United States the order of the Eastern Star is not accorded the position it occupies in West Virginia.

We agree with Bro. Ponton that "Albert Pike is coming into his own again and his writings are more and more being referred to in all Jurisdictions;" and as to the Shrine being in error in the Philippine Islands;

With a Love for the Concordant Orders, in each and all the writer holds membership, he sometimes feels that our Blue Lodge Masonry should be guarded against the danger of becoming top-heavy.

Under Georgia we read:

It does not deal in or meddle with affairs of state or church in order to procure observance. It does not impose or endeavor to have imposed statutory laws to bring about moral reform.

Under the familiar rule that man deems his fellowman wise when he agrees with him, we have conceived a very high regard for the good sense as well as firm foundations of the Masonry of Bro. Daniel.

Tennessee gives him opportunity for this general comment:

We will not take issue on his statement "If you want to find the pure article of Freemasonry the place to look for it is among the 'hill billies'—and not among the City Lodges, where Masonry is getting to be too much commercialized."

WISCONSIN

D. H. Mooney, M.W. Grand Master.

The Eighty-third Communication was opened in Milwaukee, June 14th, 1927.

The Grand Master's address precedes all other transactions. In it he says:

I earnestly urge each representative to take careful note of the proceedings of this session, so that on his return to his lodge he will be able to give a good account of the worthwhile things that may be of interest to his membership.

To Florida in addition to $1,000 by Grand Lodge, nearly $5,000 was contributed by the Masons of the State, some of which was returned. $3,000 was also forwarded to Mississippi. Our Wisconsin Brethren are not troubled with any generosity complex.

The Grand Master notes the appointment of Gerald M. Malone of Toronto, as Grand Representative of the State.

He gave several decisions, of which the following are instructional:

Is it a violation of Masonic Law for a Master Mason to place a Masonic emblem on the radiator of his automobile?

No. (But other G.M's do not agree.)

Neither the Worshipful Master nor even the lodge can suspend a by-law.

Can the Senior Warden sit in the East when presiding in place of the Worshipful Master?

Yes.

Can a lodge employ a paid investigator to investigate petitioners applying to our lodge?

No. One investigator, whether paid or not, does not constitute an investigating committee.

He urges on everyone the duty of reading carefully the Foreign Correspondence Report.

He has definite views as to new Temples and extravagance:

During the past year the Grand Lodge has been called on to lay the cornerstone of three new Temples and to dedicate nine. This is certainly gratifying, but in some instances I fear the lodges are assuming a burden which may become difficult to carry.

During the past year appeals have been made to the Grand Lodge for assistance to individual lodges in caring for unfor-

tunate members. The lodges stated in their requests that on account of the building of a new Temple or purchasing the building now occupied, their treasuries were more or less depleted.

17 Past Grand Masters were honoured in the Grand East.

Canada's Grand Representative did not respond.

Farm operations at the Home showed a profit of $3,260 and Wisconsin's income for the year for this laudable and public spirited purpose amounted to $6,200, over $8,000 more of income than of outgo. Here is an experience worth considering by us in Canada.

Membership 58,826. Net gain 1,839.

The Grand Lecturer calls attention to Secretaries of defective transmission, a great many of whom never replied at all to his official communication.

The Committee on Masonic Research report:

Activity in respect to Masonic study, education and charity in Wisconsin is far greater than we had supposed. We find that there are many members of the Craft in this State who are, in the judgment of masters of lodges, competent to carry on Masonic education and study, and are qualified to deliver inspirational and historical lectures.

We have devoted considerable attention to preparation of material for speakers to assist them in preparing addresses on Masonic subjects and have a number of suitable books and pamphlets to loan such as desire them.

The Committee on Education present a comprehensive Review of good work well done:

> And books are yours,
> Within whose silent chambers treasure lies
> Preserved from Age to Age.

As Masons we are taught the need of adequate tools for the doing of true work, square work. Books are the tools most essential to any worth-while course of Masonic instruction. Masonry has a choice and beautiful literature. So far as possible the Grand Lodge should make this literature available to the brethren.

The material and the spiritual must go hand in hand. "Man does not live by bread alone," but the bread is exceedingly essential. Few things are more expensive than learning, and knowledge acquired in the hard school of experience is as a rule, of all, the most costly.

From the philosophic report of the Committee on Obituaries we take the following:

Here men are starved, pinched, dwarfed; there they shall grow. Here reason is a spark; there it will be a flame. Here song has a single note; there it shall deepen into a symphony. Here man feeds on a crust; there is the fruit of the tree of immortal life. Here he drinks at a broken cistern; there flows

the river of the water of life. This is the glorious hope and prospect of every Mason who lives well in order that those who follow may live better.

Build it well, whate'er you do;
Build it straight, and strong, and true;
Build it clean, and high, and broad;
Build it for the eye of God.

The Masonic Jurisprudence Report contains the following:

We approve the action of the Grand Master in directing the Assistant Grand Secretary to refuse to certify to widows' certificates. Such certificates in the hands of unscrupulous persons might be a source of annoyance and bring discredit upon Masonry by their improper use.

The Masonic Service Bureau placed 970 people in employment and buried 19 sojourners, sent 48 telegrams and wrote 480 letters.

Memorial tributes to deceased Grand Officers occupy several pages with photographs. Of one it is said:

Deep in the soul of man is that sentiment which would keep alive the memory of our friends and perpetuate their name to future generations.

Wallace M. Comstock represents Canada.

The Grand Correspondent of Wisconsin is the vigorous veteran M. W. J. Aldro Jenks, who presents his thirtieth Annual Review. What memories are associated with his good work!

We read this under Alabama:

We like the amendment better than we do the exception which provides that "any lodge may confer any or all of the Blue Lodge degrees gratuitously upon anyone actually engaged in work of the ministry, of whatever sect or denomination."

We do not believe any such distinction should be made. Such a regulation reminds one of "Aunt Het's" statement that "her husband brought home to dinner three men and one that used perfume."

And this under Arkansas:

His arraignment of the evils of intemperance is vivid and striking. He said in part:—

"It does all this and more. It murders the soul, it is the father of all crimes, the mother of all abominations, the devil's best friend and God's worst enemy."

He might well have added in the language of the immortal Burns in Tam O'Shanter: "Wi mair o horrible and awful which ev'n to name wad be unlawful".

We find this under California:

He quotes William Penn as saying: "Men who fight about religion have no religion to fight about".

Canada gives him problems as well as experience. He begins his review thus:

How the Grand Lodge could meet in two cities at the same time we are at a loss to understand, but such is the record in the Proceedings under review. We find reference to the "Twin Cities" and that is supposed to explain the matter, but we are glad the twins were not triplets, or our confusion of mind would still be greater.

Of the Grand Master's address he says:

He held that a candidate should receive his first degree in the lodge in which his application is accepted. This is the rule adopted in many Grand Jurisdictions, but we could never understand why a candidate could not as well receive his Entered Apprentice degree in another lodge as he could the Fellow Craft degree or the Master Mason's degree.

He held that a blind man is ineligible to the office of Worshipful Master.

Our Canadian brethren are quite liberal in their donations for charity.

He approves as very apt the words of the Grand Master urging that advice, encouragement and personal interest are often better than financial aid. He speaks of our Long Service Medals and kindly refers to our Review as being satisfactory. He says that Canada has a heart and an ear attune to poetry and "whenever he finds a nice quotation in verse he passes it on to us his readers."

Under Connecticut we read:

The Order of the Eastern Star has been butting into things Masonic in Connecticut to the extent of voluntarily taking upon themselves the task and expense of equipping that part of their new Masonic Home set apart for hospital purposes.

The Eastern Star does not claim to be Masonic and only asks the Masonic brethren to permit them to help in the care of the needy and unfortunate.

Under Texas, Bro. Kies reveals that he, like the writer, is "vehemently opposed to the recognition of any Grand Lodge which we even suspect of being under Scottish Rite domination."

He is most frank and practically out-spoken in connection with ill ventilated lodges:

Fresh air is essential to clearheadednes. "Drowsiness in church it is now known is caused by foul air and not always by bad preaching." Perhaps his effort to arouse interest in better ventilation is not to be entirely commended, if it is to result in arousing those in attendance at church or lodge from their slumbers. Sancho Panza said "God bless the man who first invented sleep!" and John G. Saxe added, "And bless him, also, that he didn't keep his great discovery to himself, nor try

to make it—as the lucky fellow might—a close monopoly by patent right."

Shakespeare sings the praise of "downy sleep, death's counterfeit":—

Speaking of Manitoba's attitude to Masonic Homes he says searchingly:

We have just received a booklet showing cuts of the Masonic Homes of a Sister Grand Jurisdiction in which they have invested a little over two million seven hundred thousand dollars in such institutions, mostly the gifts of charitably inclined brethren. One's heart burns with gratitude as he looks upon these magnificent edifices and thinks of the amount of human suffering and want they alleviate. It is true that almost all of these cases could be cared for at home at less cost, but would they be so cared for. Most of them would receive little or no relief and the only institution open to them would be the poor house.

As to Wisconsin not joining the George Washington Memorial Association he bluntly and plainly says:

We merely made a donation to the Association. Wisconsin never advised that the memorial should be built and has never pledged it its support.

Their plans have increased in lavishness of expenditure by leaps and bounds and no one knows where it will end.

Wisconsin Masons can make better use of the one hundred thousand dollars or more that membership in the Association will entail, than to put it into a pile of cement and granite on a Virginia hill which not one in a thousand of the members of this Grand Jurisdiction will ever see.

WYOMING

Oscar Ole Natwick, M.W. Grand Master.

The Fifty-third Annual Communication was held in Thermopolis, 24th August, 1927, with no less than 19 Past Grand Masters holding up the hands of the Grand Master in the Grand East, a wonderful record.

As in so many States, the list of deceased Past Grand Masters was read, the members upstanding, and Bro. Northrop gave a song entitled "Goin' Home".

At this meeting Marion Arthur Kline was elected the next Grand Master and we learn from his biography that, like so many other Grand Masters, he first taught school, then graduated into law, and was Pennsylvania born of German descent.

Grand Master Natwick urged his Brethren to stability and action:

During a period, when conditions in our nation have been unsettled, it is safe to say that our fraternity has been the most stabilizing influence in America and unless we deviate from

the ancient landmarks and teachings of our order, it will continue to be such until time shall be no more.

Let all of us lay it well to heart, that it is impossible to think Freemasonry, or live Freemasonry, without being ever mindful of the great duties we owe to God, our country and our fellowmen.

They sent $1,385 to Missisippi Flood Relief and a large sum also to Florida.

The cornerstone of the new Federal Building was laid by Grand Lodge. Over there the prejudice against the Craft in this regard is not felt or admitted to be felt, and there is apparently more tolerance on both sides in the west than in Canada.

Among his decisions we read the following:

I do not think it proper to ask the Tyler if he desires to ballot on a petition. When the Tyler steps within the door of the lodge room, the Senior Deacon should inform him whose petition is being balloted upon, and the Tyler should then proceed to cast his ballot.

The Masonic Home Fund prospers:

The great monument to Masonry in Wyoming is the Masonic Home Fund. It must ever continue to stand as such. The trustees of this fund stand in a class by themselves in efficiency of administration.

R. H. Repath has been installed as Grand Librarian and Grand Lodge placed on record its grateful thanks to our own E. H. Repath for his gift of valuable books.

In closing the Grand Master said:

Let us continue to perform the great service of welding men together and teaching them ideals of a great brotherhood which rests upon a common fatherhood.

Membership 7,925. Net gain 202.

Grand Secretary Lowndes gave a clear and striking report and the subject of his conclusion is summed up in "ask, pray, receive, give. He that seeketh shall surely find."

The Grand Historian is active but discouraged.

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence report several matters of interest. For instance with regard to a negro lodge, Alpha of New Jersey, they say:

The lodge was constituted in 1871 under its present title A short time afterwards the warrant was arrested by the Grand Master, but in 1872 it was restored. The lodge is the only regular lodge of its kind in the United States. It has a good reputation and its members are said to fully understand their place.

It is of interest also to note that there are in the United States 919 living Past Grand Masters, Wyoming heading the list with 34 while Maryland has none. The Unnited Grand Lodge of England since 1813 has had but five Grand Masters.

Masonic rights are recognized in the Courts as the following will show:

The registration of a trademark to be used upon citrus fruits comprising a representation of a partly open compasses and a partly open rule overlapping the compasses, was denied on August 13th of this year, by the Examiner of Interferences, in the patent office.

These appropriate verses are found in the Report of the Committee on Necrology:

Good timber does not grow in ease;
The stronger wind, the tougher trees;
The farther sky, the greater length;
The more the storm, the more the strength;
By sun and cold, by rain and snows,
In tree or man, good timber grows.

An abstract of the Proceedings of the conference of Grand Masters of the United States held in Washington, is given and if any member desires to have all the arguments pro and con in connection with life membership, he will find them on pages 76 to 81, which summarize the whole situation and we had no idea that the matter was of such importance till we read this report.

A resolution asking for $1.00 from each Master Mason for the George Washington Memorial was not adopted.

The Grand Secretary sponsors Fraternal Correspondence and precedes it by a symposium on Grand Honours and on Dual Membership. His is a business-like and comprehensive review. He seizes on the following from Alabama:

The prevailing watchword is "Get by". Interest in an employer's business or pride in the quality of one's own work is with a very large and increasing percentage of the people wholly lacking. The idea is to do just enough to keep from getting fired.

God knew how to keep us out of devilment, how to keep us progressing and that is by keeping us at work. The man or nation that falls into idleness is going to fall behind in the race of progress.

Young man, young brother, at a time when every one else seems bent on pleasure, there could be no more favourable time for you to work.

Canada's Review refers to most of our salient features including our recognition in 1926 of other Grand Jurisdictions, and he specially mentions the differentiation between Masonry in England, the U.S.A. and Canada in the Report on the Condition of Masonry:

The Masonry of Canada has inherited much from the Mother Grand Lodges from which it derived its origin, but it has undoubtedly been influenced in the gradual growth of its distinctive character by the facilities for fraternal intercourse with the Masonry of the United States.

He reprints in full the conclusion of our Review including:

That's Where the Craft Comes in.

This is encouraging under Georgia:

The years may be many and the prayers may be long before the era of our achievement, but the age of our awakening has come, and before us lies the period of our performance.

We shall go forward!

Bro. Lowndes is cosmopolitan in sympathy and quotes the following by Bro. Guest as having the true Masonic ring:

For religion, as I view it, is a pathway to a goal,
And is something to be settled between each man and his soul.
Now, I'm not a Roman Catholic, but I wouldn't go so far
As to fling away the friendship of the folks I know who are
I have lived and neighbored with them, come to love them through and through.
I've respect and admiration for the kindly things they do;
And I've come to the conclusion, though the bigots think it odd,
That it makes no difference to me how a good man worships God.

He concludes his review with this verse:

Old Time's great clock, that never stops,
Nor runs too fast nor slow;

YORK GRAND LODGE OF MEXICO

C. C. James, M.W. Grand Master.

The Proceedings open with a picture of the newly elected Grand Master, James F. Berry and of the Grand Secretary, A. Percival Hughes.

The brief biography of the G.M. elect shows that he is a man of wide experience and now holds the responsible position of Superintendent of Mines.

The Sixty-seventh Annual Communication was opened in the City of Pachuca, Hidalgo, April 14, 1927.

Five Past Grand Masters held up the hands of the Ruler of the Craft.

A special session had been held in Mexico City in March for the dedication of the new Masonic Temple at which Canada's Representative, John I. Newell, P.G.M., was present.

The G.M. said:

We are all proud to be here on this auspicious occasion and to witness the dedication of our new Masonic Hall. Taking into account the general distressed condition prevailing in the country, the result we see before us is nothing short of marvellous.

From the Grand Master's address at the annual meeting we can only make brief extracts:

He rules as follows with regard to a by-law suspending members who failed to attend three successive Communications:

I ruled that regular attendance at the lodge is left to the conscience of the individual member and that the suggested suspension or expulsion would be arbirtary and contrary to Masonic teachings.

As to membership and general conditions he says:

The past year has been a very strenuous one owing to the unsettled conditions of the country which is passing through a serious crisis and the outlook is still dark. We cannot, however, but appreciate the splendid fraternal spirit which exists both in the Grand Lodge and in the subordinate lodges.

They distributed 300 copies of the pamphlet "Preparation" and of it he says:

This pamphlet imposes on the candidate for Freemasonry the seriousness of the step he is about to take and prepares his mind to receive something noble and inspiring.

Of other Mexican Grand Lodges he expresses this opinion:

We regret that as yet we cannot see our way clear to extend recognition to Mexican Grand Lodges. With no antagonism whatsoever existing between us we feel that we cannot associate with them because their conception of Freemasonry is entirely different to ours.

Should the Mexican Grand Lodges comply with the fundamental principles as known in England and the United States we would be the first to offer them the hand of friendship. We need as requisites, belief in the One Living and True God, the presence of the Holy Bible on the altar at all Communications, a strict adherence to the Landmarks, no discussion of religion or politics in the lodge, and absence of treaties with so-called higher bodies.

He thinks that the need is gradually growing in the City for a German speaking lodge.

Of charity and benevolence his words have the true ring:

The candidate is told to expect nothing materially for himself but receives the wages of joy and gladness when he perceives that a fellow man is happier through is own unselfish endeavours.

To select from the quarries of raw material, rough ashlars, worthy and well qualified candidates, to form and shape in the lodges by means of the working tools of our Craft, perfect ashlars, Master Masons of good character and good will; that is, in part, the noble and glorious work of our beloved Fraternity.

Less than this we cannot, we must not attempt. This we must ever do.

To goodness we must add knowledge; to good will, intelligence.

The Trestle Board, their Grand Lodge Magazine, has passed four years successfully.

His conclusion is worthy:

The following Essay on Man sums up concisely the teachings of the Masonic Fraternity.

"Slave to no sect, who takes no private road,
But looks through nature up to Nature's God;
Pursues that chain which links the immense design,
Joins heaven and earth, and mortal and divine,
Sees that no being any bliss can know,
But touches some above and some below,
Learns from the union of the rising whole,
The first, last purpose of the human soul,
And knows where faith, law, morals, all began,
All end in love to God and love to man."

Members 893. Net gain 5.

The Committee on Masonic Education say:

Unfortunately many Masters consider as their sole obligation to the lodge and its members, the conferring of degrees. It is after the degrees have been conferred that the real Masonic Work begins! The conferring of the degrees is merely our way of preparing the candidate for Masonic Work.

Frederick J. Howell of Hamilton, represents Mexico.

The Correspondence Review is well written by M. A. Loevy, P.G.M.

In his introduction he says:

A few years ago we were recognized by 26 Grand Lodges in the United States, we have to-day thirty-six.

We are gratified by this approval of our work. It is a justification of our stand. It is a complete vindication of our endeavours to build up York Rite Freemasonry.

All must avoid recriminations, criticism and ill-feeling. The past must be forgotten. Let us look to and prepare for the future.

Where criticism is made by other Reviewers about our own activities, we receive same in good spirit—even heed them where they can be applied to our peculiar situation and environment.

This under the ARGENTINE is interesting:

It being the duty of every Mason to respect the Laws of the Country in which he lives, etc., etc., be it known to all the Lodges of our Obedience, that in the Communications no hymn can be given unless there has been previously sung the Argentine National Hymn.

Translation. Considering that the time has come to bring to the attention of the National Congress, the question of the law of absolute divorce, so as to benefit our country the same as it has been done in the Republic as to Uruguay, in

order that matrimony far from being an indissoluble contract, is only preserved by the noble idea of love and reciprocal feeling (solidaridad reciproca), between the contracting parties, so that the individual may recover those rights with which he entered into it, employing those causes which the law considers as legitimate, and a non-recognition of which is a manifest inhumanity, Be It Resolved.

1st. That the Lodges of our Jurisdiction, owing to the liberal character which is contained in Masonry, and its desires to aid the happiness of all society, will proceed to consider this important question of Divorce in the Argentine Republic, furnishing a written explanation of the reasons for its foundation which they may deem opportune. Said explanation should be entitled, Foundations for the promulgation of the Law of Absolute Divorce for the Republic of Argentine.

It being absolutely necessary to avoid all party character in this action in favor of Humanitary and National Culture, the Lodges of this Jurisdiction will form these notes and petitions as groups of persons as treating of questions of a profane nature (indole profana) and having care that there should not be made visible anything pertaining to Masonry, so that there can be nothing done that will bring to us the aid of elements strange to the Institution.

We regret that he does not appear to have received the Proceedings of Canada.

Under England we are pleased to read:

Nothing is overlooked in this Grand Jurisdiction. Every courtesy is shown to the Brethren and the world at large must be impressed with the dignity and standing of the Members of the Grand Lodge.

Virginia's word of good cheer went home to their hearts:

This is encouraging—buoys us up in our endeavors to keep Masonry absolutely free and sovereign—abstaining from all political and religious movements and entanglements. Kind words are valuable—praise is even touching. We trust to always merit this confidence.

WILLIAM NISBET PONTON,
P.G.M.

Belleville, July, 1928.

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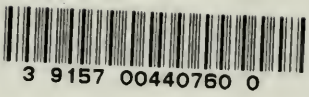
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